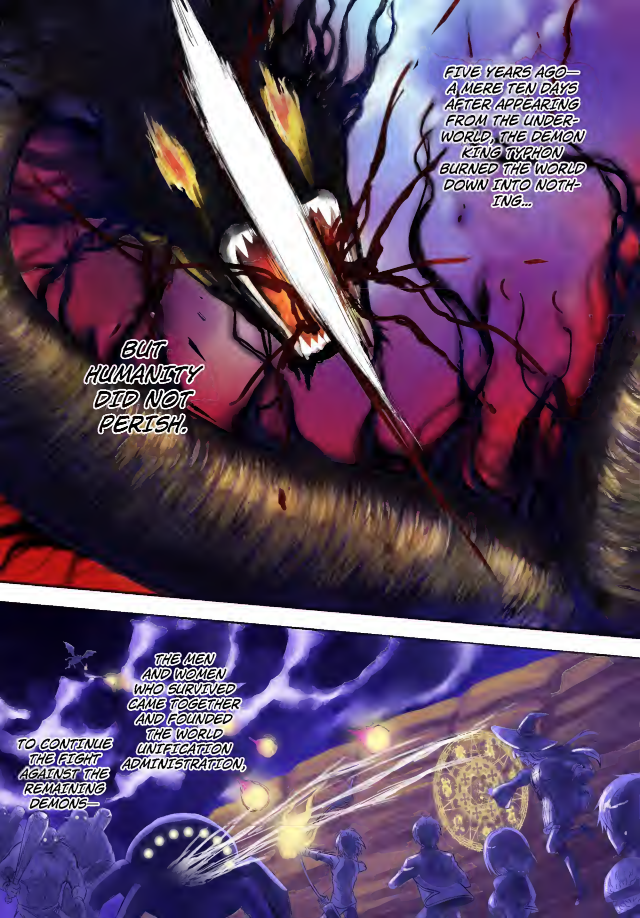
FIVE YEARS AGO—A MERE TEN DAYS AFTER APPEARING FROM THE UNDERWORLD, THE DEMON KING TYPHON BURNED THE WORLD DOWN INTO NOTHING...
BUT HUMANITY DID NOT PERISH.
THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SURVIVED CAME TOGETHER AND FOUNDED THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION,
TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE REMAINING DEMONS—

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WHEN HUMANITY WAS THREATENED FIVE YEARS AGO, THE BOY WHO SAVED A WORLD DRIVEN TO DESPAIR BECAME REGARDED AS THE ENEMY OF ALL MANKIND
倒的過ぎる
そして新たに迫る人類の危機。
AND NOW, A NEW CRISIS APPROACHES HUMANITY.
無実の罪を着せられた英雄が紡ぐ圧勝劇が、再び幕を上げる!!
THE CURTAIN RISES ON A GALLANT DRAMA ABOUT A HERO FALSELY CHARGED!
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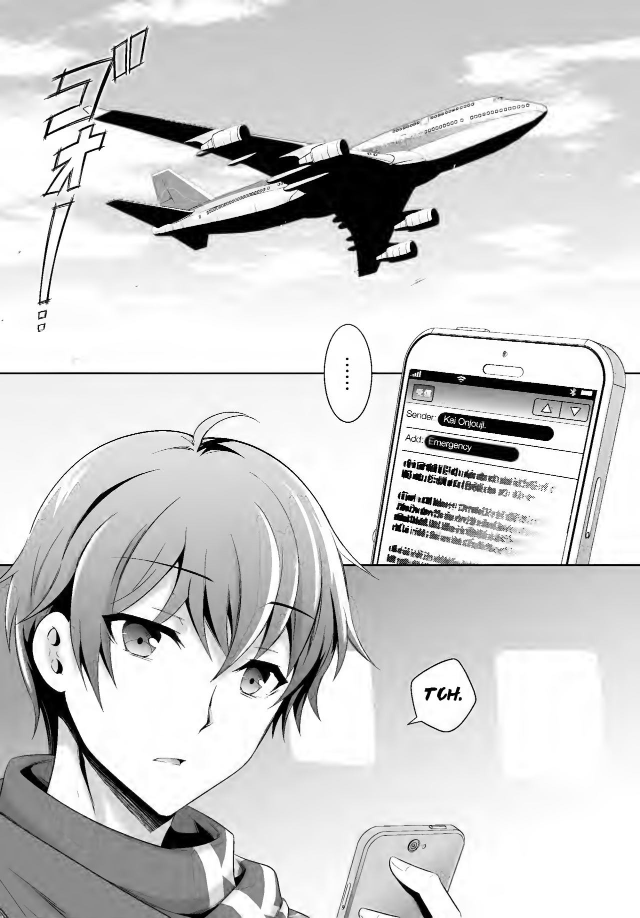
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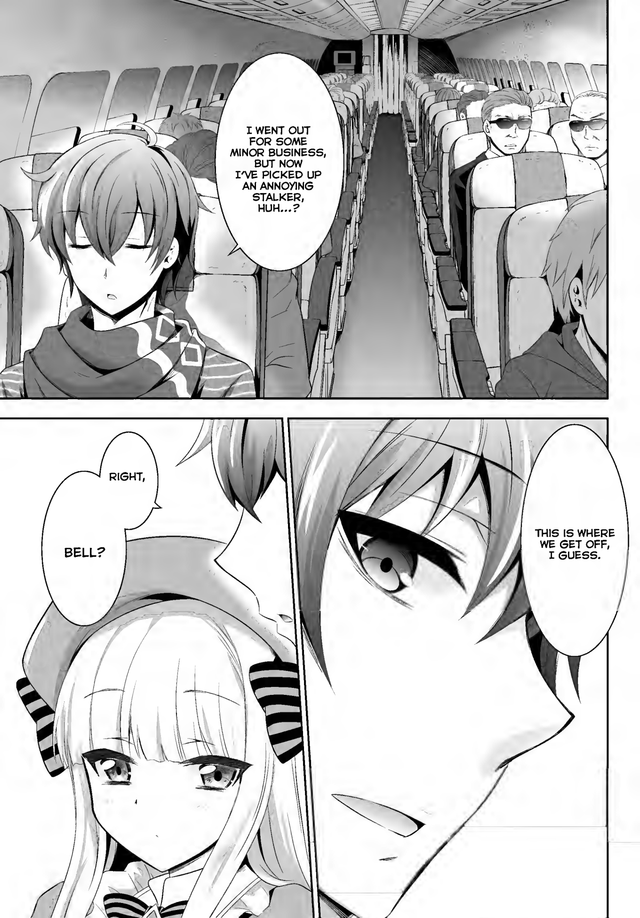
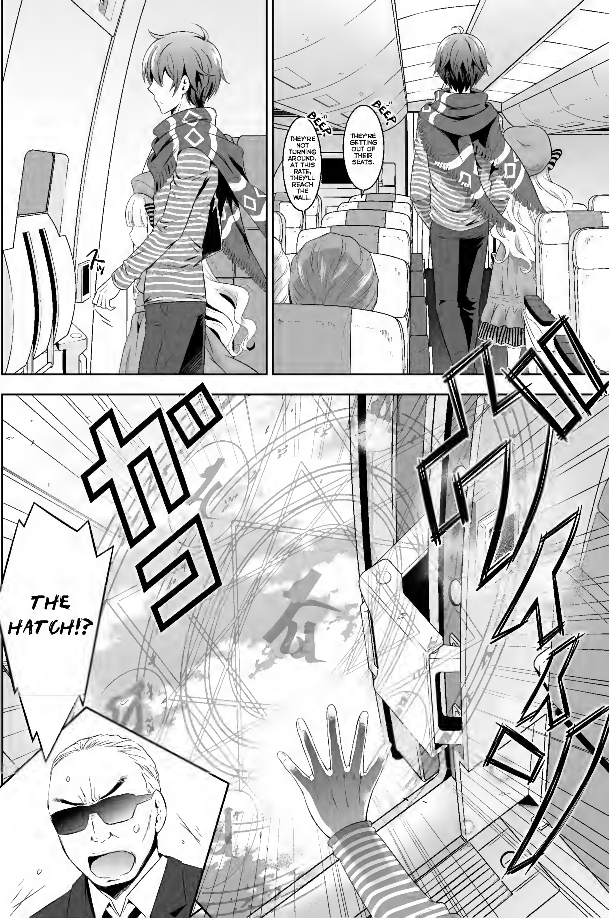
受信
Sender: Kai Onjouji.
Add: Emergency
TCH.


I WENT OUT FOR SOME MINOR BUSINESS, BUT NOW I'VE PICKED UP AN ANNOYING STALKER, HUH...?
THIS IS WHERE WE GET OFF, I GUESS.
RIGHT,
BELL?


BEEP.
THEY'RE GETTING OUT OF THEIR SEATS.
BEEP.
THEY'RE NOT TURNING AROUND. AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL REACH THE WALL.
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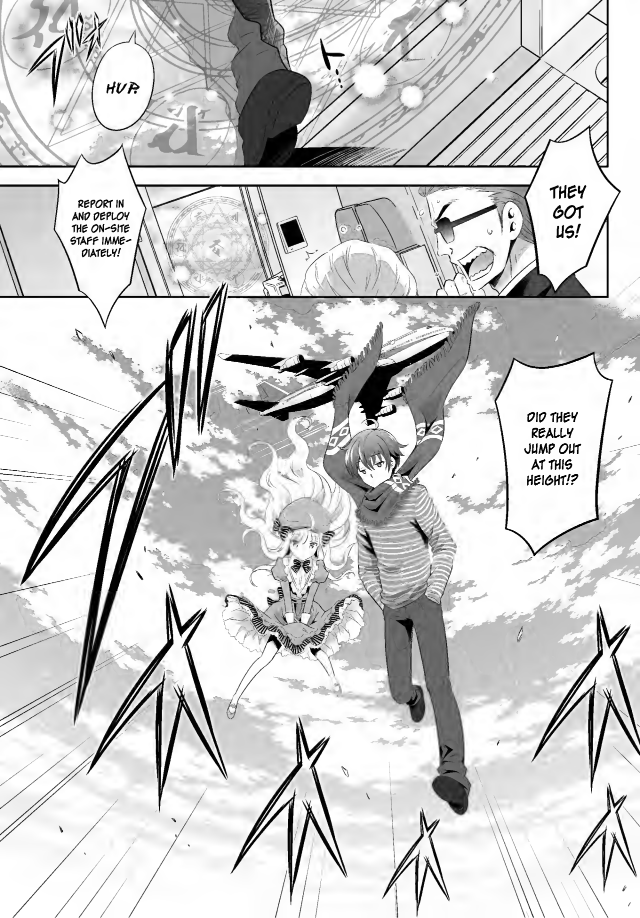
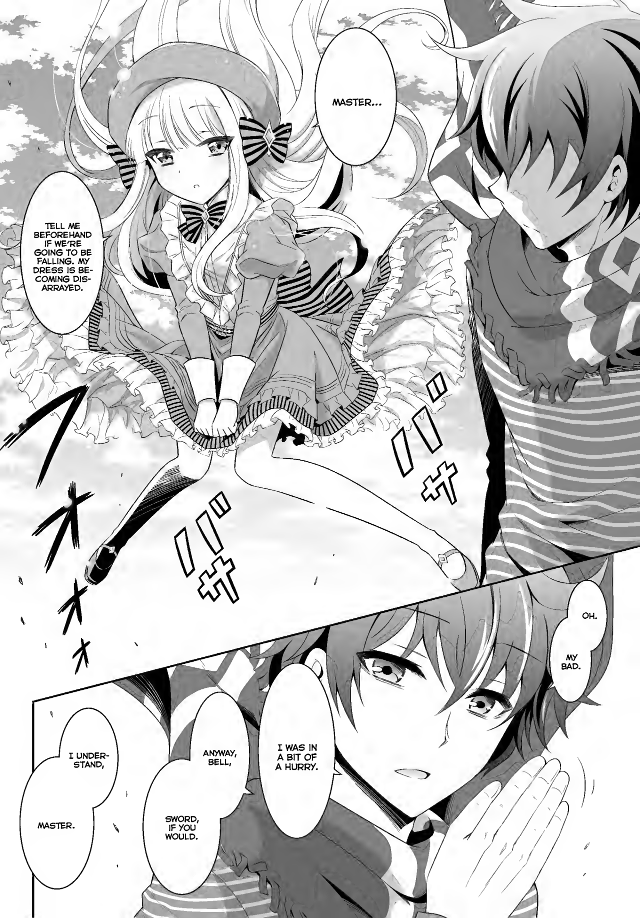
THE HATCH!?


HUP!
THEY GOT US!
REPORT IN AND DEPLOY THE ON-SITE STAFF IMME-DIATELY!
DID THEY REALLY JUMP OUT AT THIS HEIGHT!?


MASTER...
TELL ME BEFOREHAND IF WE'RE GOING TO BE FALLING. MY DRESS IS BECOMING DISARRAYED.
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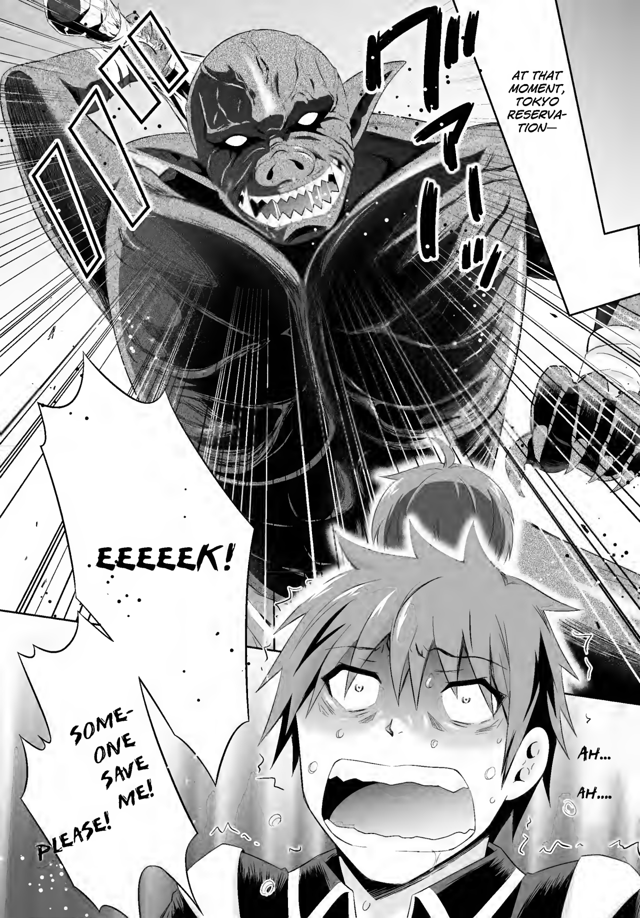
OH.
MY BAD.
I WAS IN A BIT OF A HURRY.
ANYWAY, BELL,
SWORD, IF YOU WOULD.
I UNDERSTAND,
MASTER.


AT THAT MOMENT, TOKYO RESERVATION—
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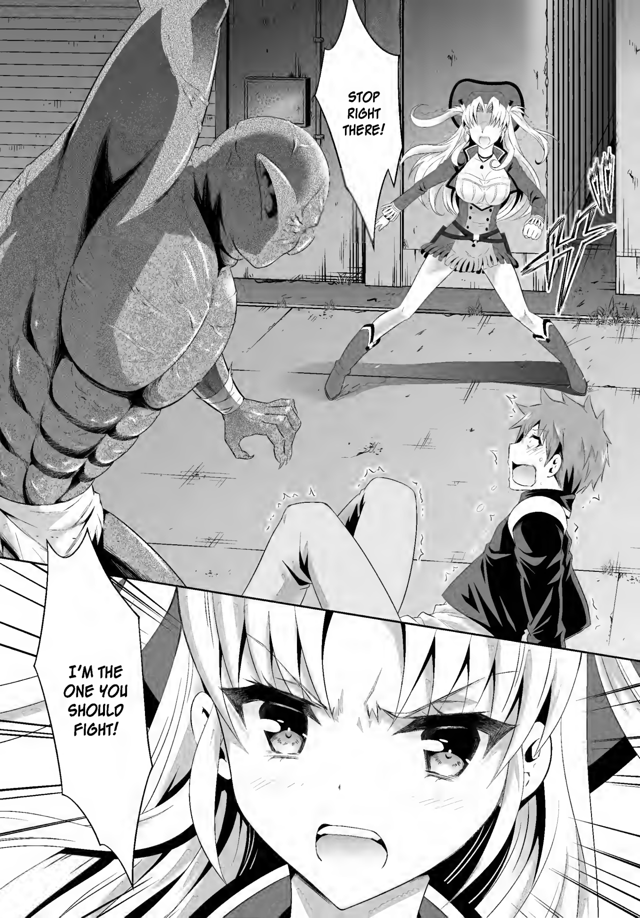
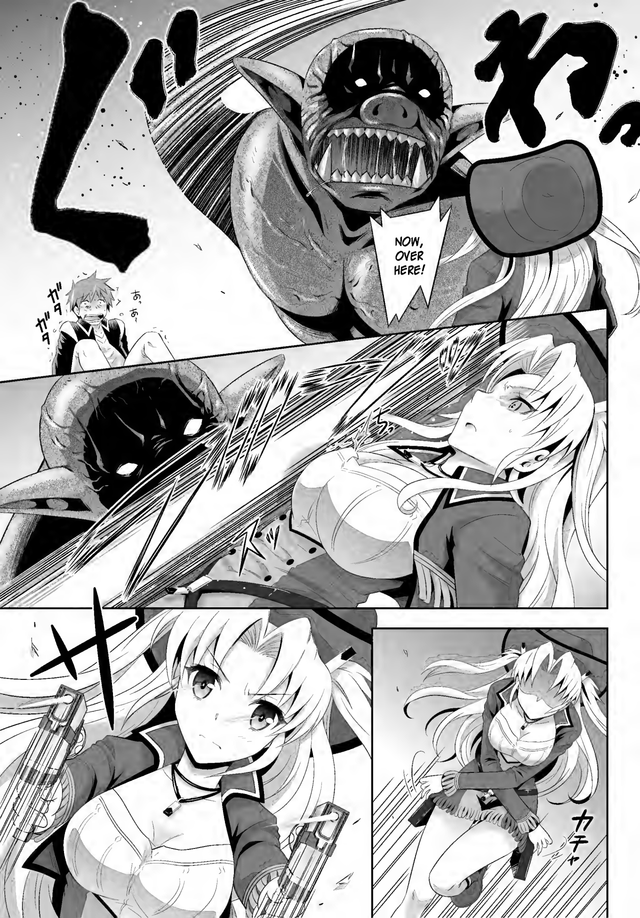
EEEEEK!
AH...
AH....
SOME-ONE SAVE ME! PLEASE!


STOP RIGHT THERE!
I'M THE ONE YOU SHOULD FIGHT!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NOW, OVER HERE!
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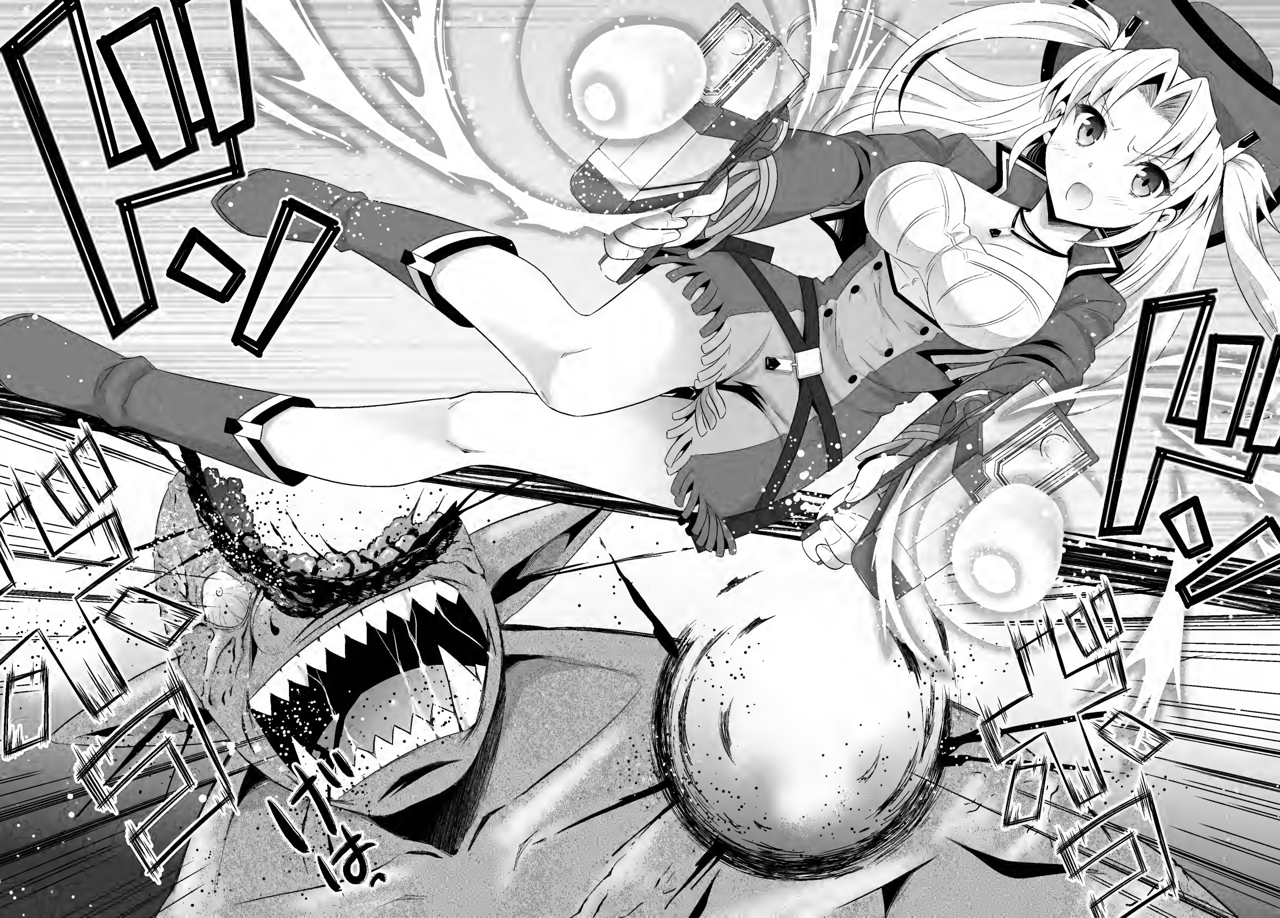
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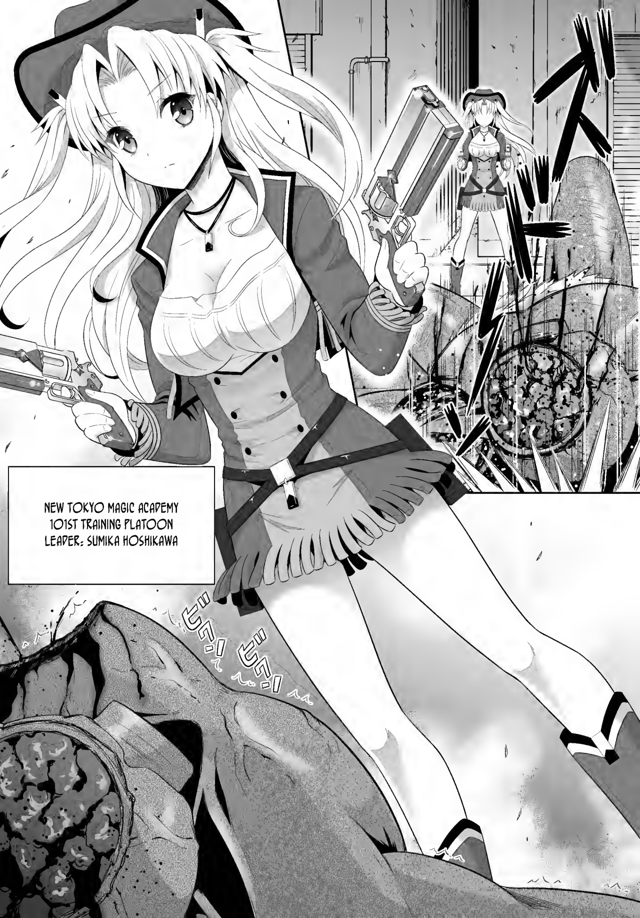
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NEW TOKYO MAGIC ACADEMY
101ST TRAINING PLATOON
LEADER: SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA
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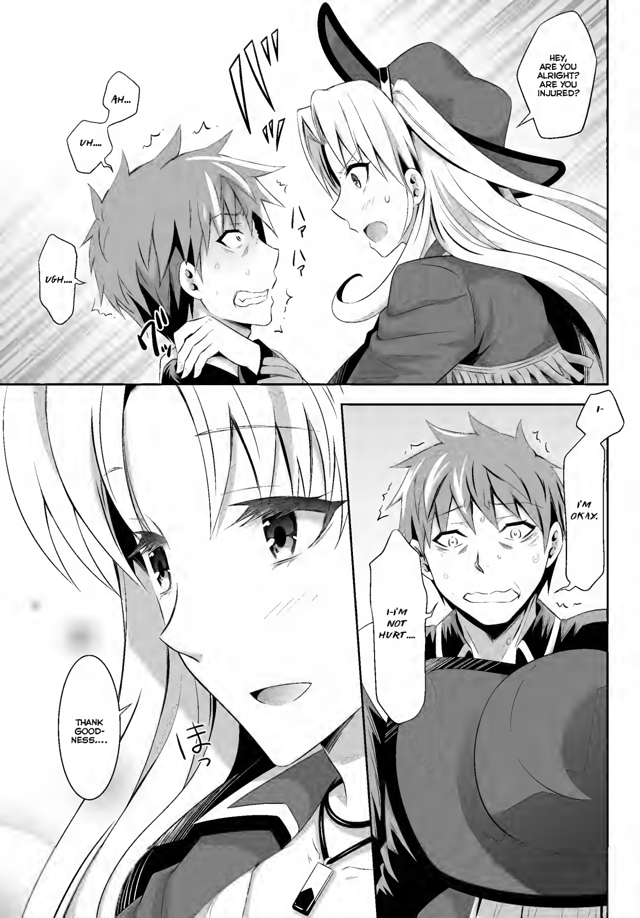
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE YOU INJURED?
AH...
UH....
UGH....
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I-
I'M OKAY.
I-I'M NOT HURT....
THANK GOODNESS....
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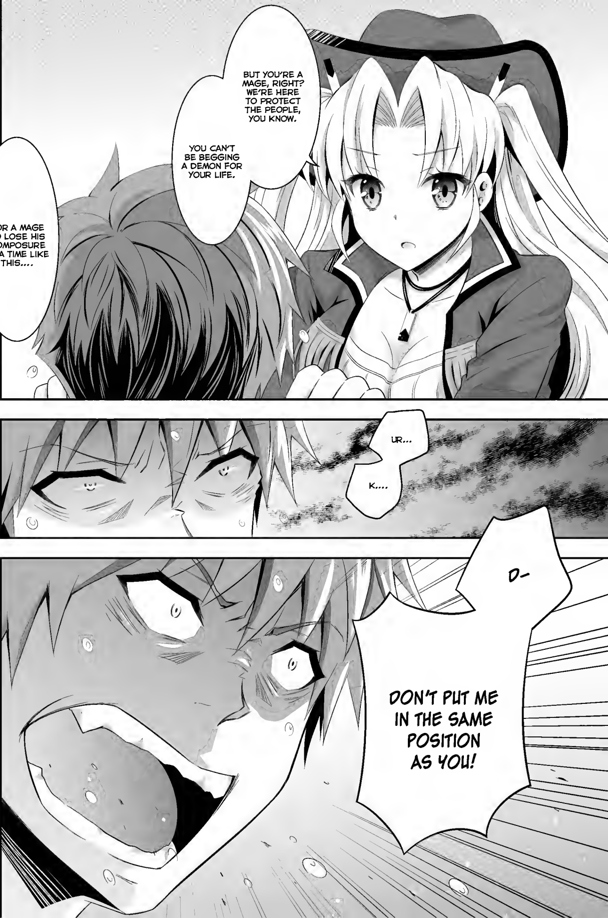
BUT YOU'RE A MAGE, RIGHT? WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW.
YOU CAN'T BE BEGGING A DEMON FOR YOUR LIFE.
FOR A MAGE TO LOSE HIS COMPOSURE AT A TIME LIKE THIS....
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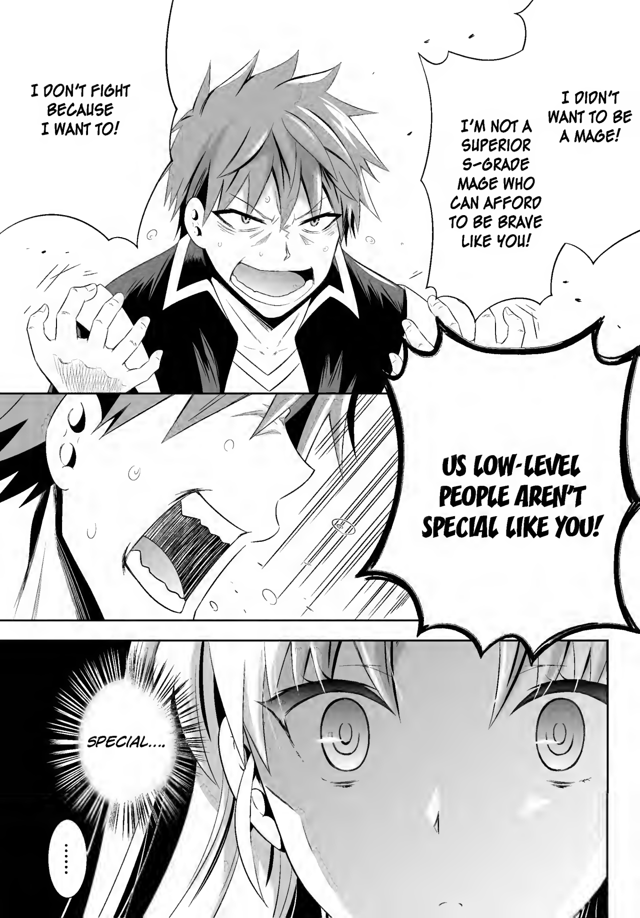
D–
DON'T PUT ME IN THE SAME POSITION AS YOU!


I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A MAGE!
I'M NOT A SUPERIOR S-GRADE MAGE WHO CAN AFFORD TO BE BRAVE LIKE YOU!
I DON'T FIGHT BECAUSE I WANT TO!
US LOW-LEVEL PEOPLE AREN'T SPECIAL LIKE YOU!
SPECIAL....
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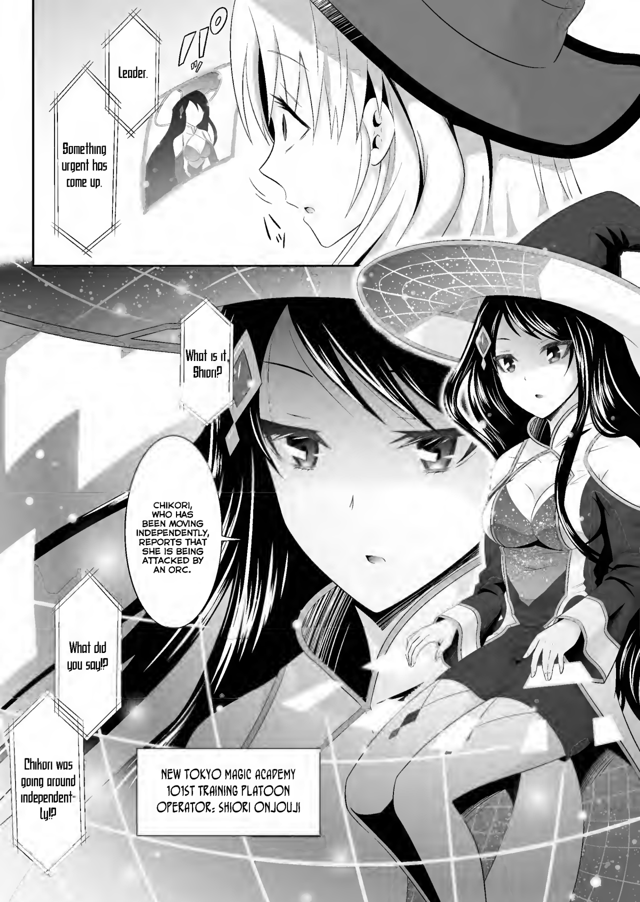
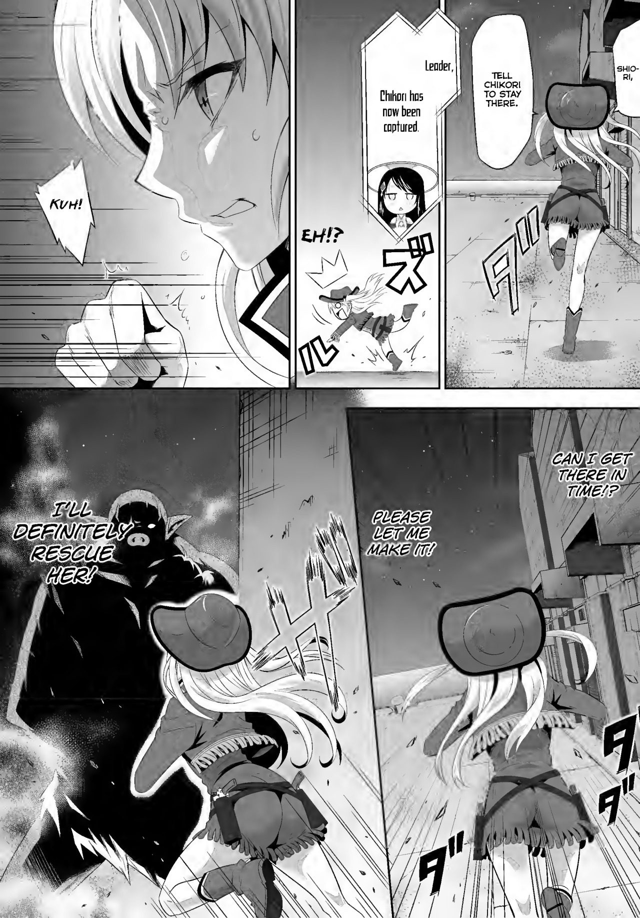

Leader.
Something urgent has come up.
What is it, Shiori?
Chikori, who has been moving independently, reports that she is being attacked by an orc.
What did you say!?
Chikori was going around independently!?
NEW TOKYO MAGIC ACADEMY 101ST TRAINING PLATOON OPERATOR: SHIORI ONJOUJI


SHIO-RI,
TELL CHIKORI TO STAY THERE.
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Leader,
Chikori has now been captured.
EH!?
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KUH!
CAN I GET THERE IN TIME!?
PLEASE LET ME MAKE IT!
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I'LL DEFINITELY RESCUE HER!
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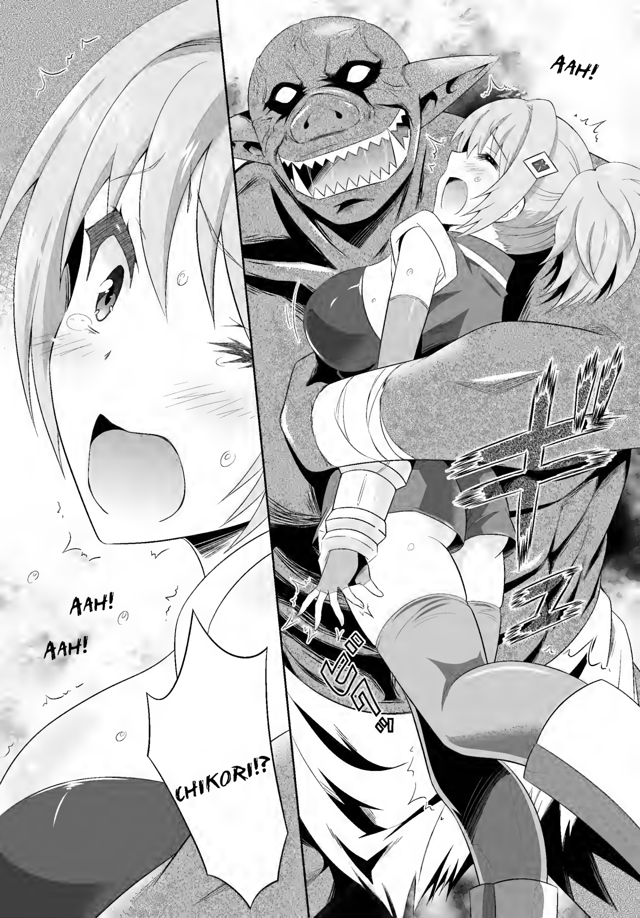
AAH!
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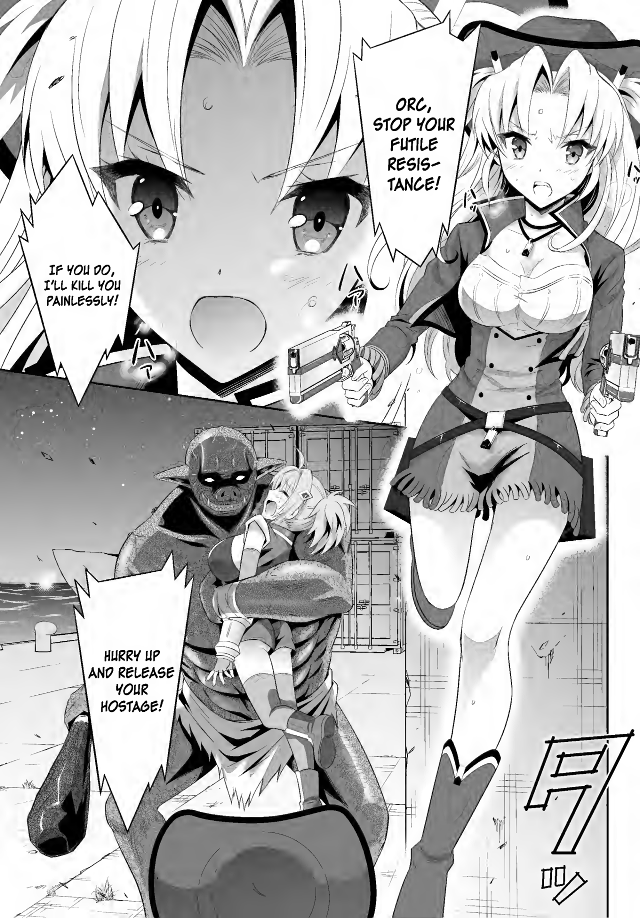
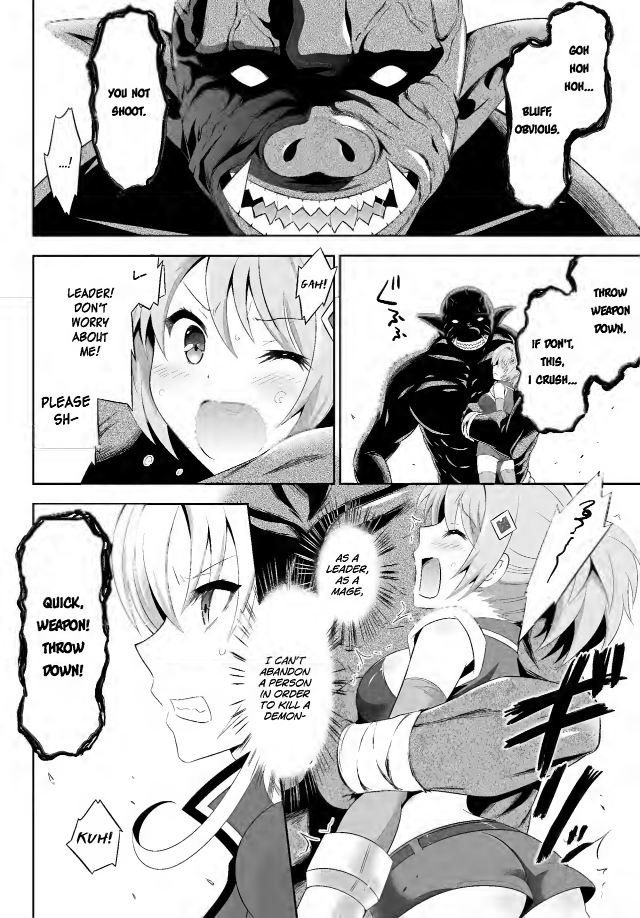
AAH!
AAH!
CHIKORI!?


ORC, STOP YOUR FUTILE RESISTANCE!
IF YOU DO, I'LL KILL YOU PAINLESSLY!
HURRY UP AND RELEASE YOUR HOSTAGE!


GOH HOH HOH... BLUFF, OBVIOUS.
YOU NOT SHOOT.
...!
THROW WEAPON DOWN.
IF DON'T, THIS, I CRUSH...
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GAH!
LEADER! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
PLEASE SH-
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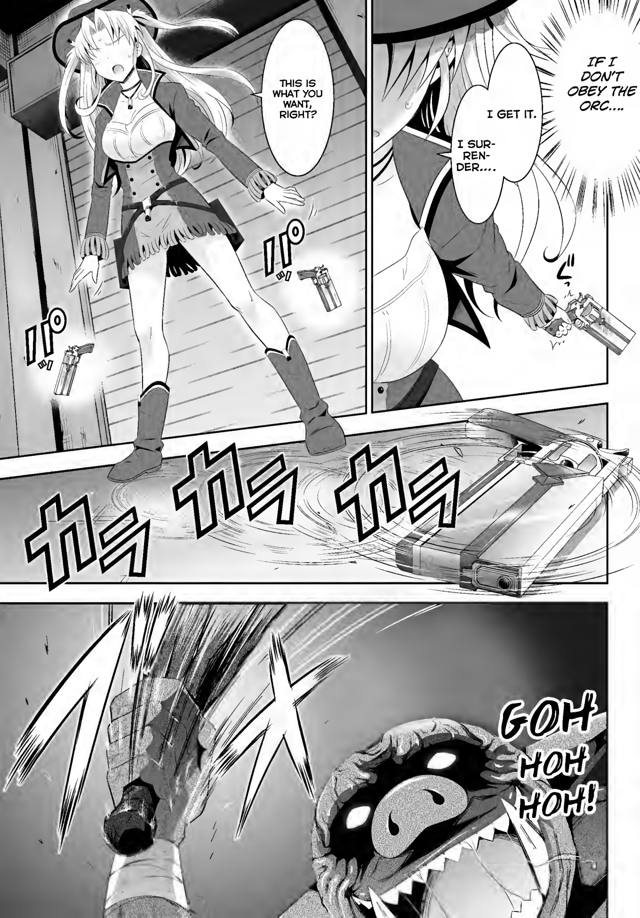
AS A LEADER, AS A MAGE,
I CAN'T ABANDON A PERSON IN ORDER TO KILL A DEMON-
QUICK, WEAPON! THROW DOWN!
KUH!


IF I DON'T OBEY THE ORC....
I GET IT.
I SURRENDER....
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THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, RIGHT?
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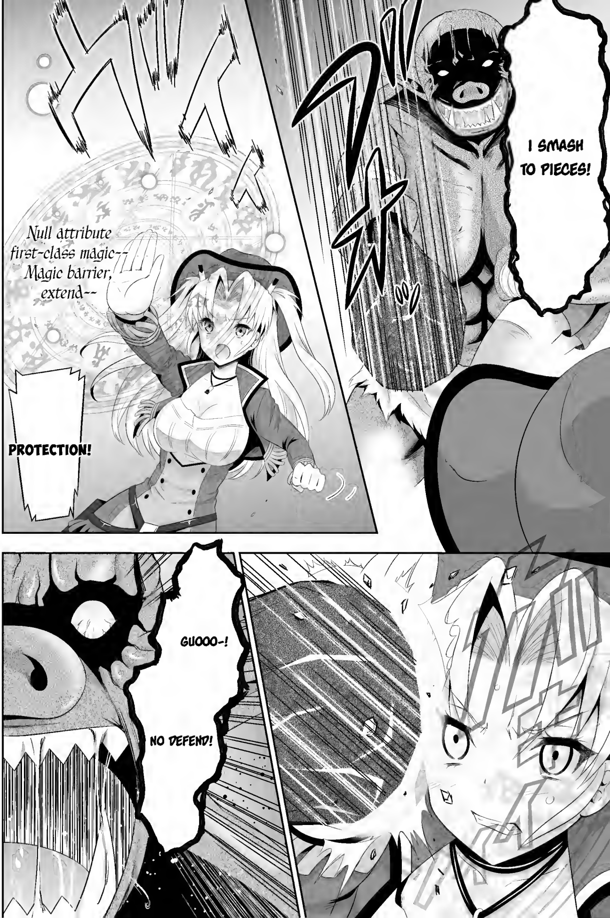
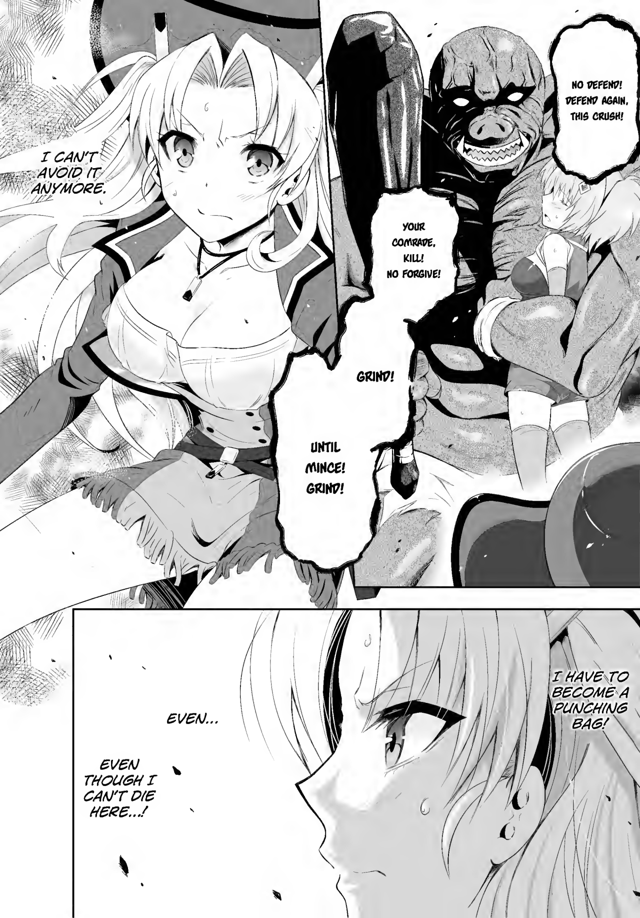
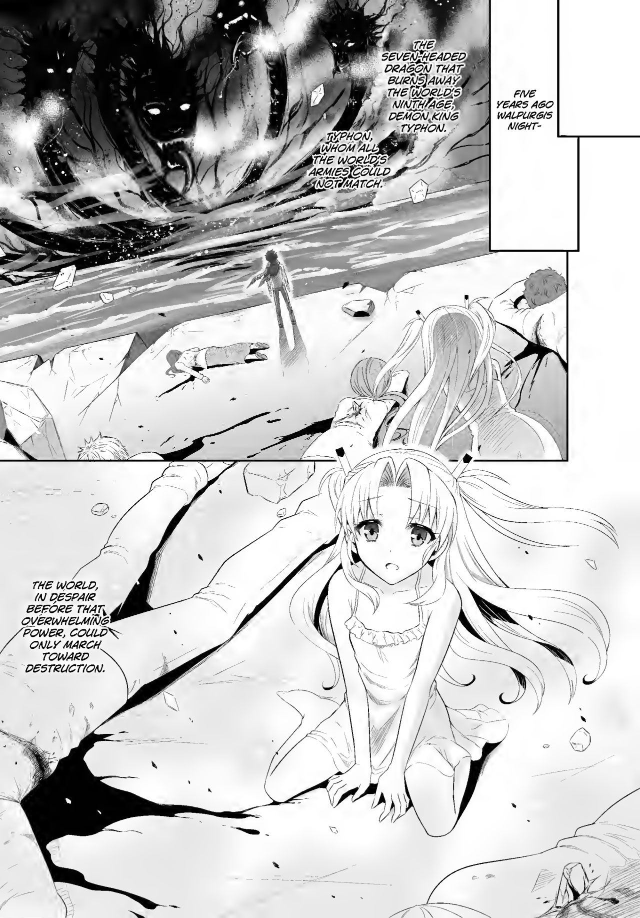
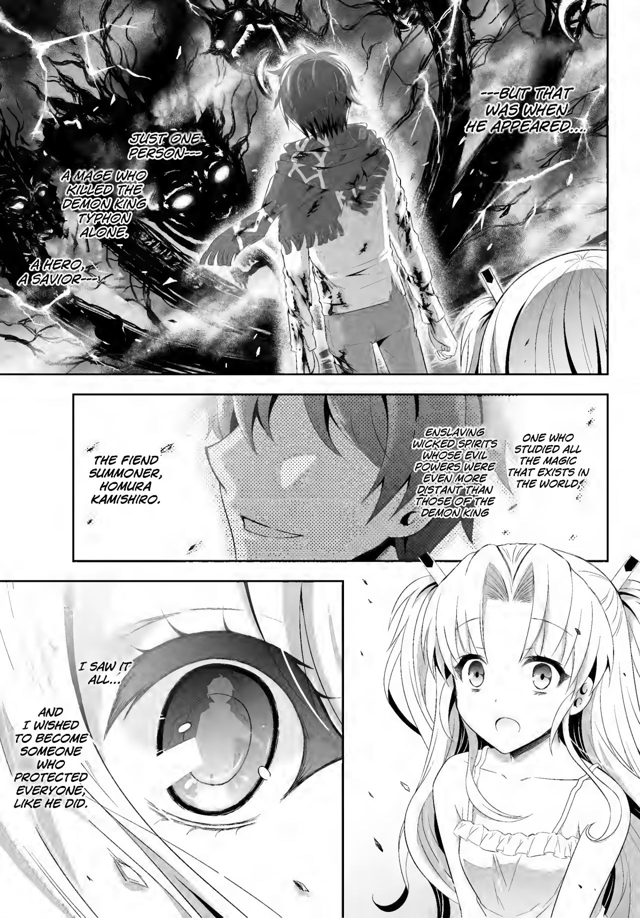
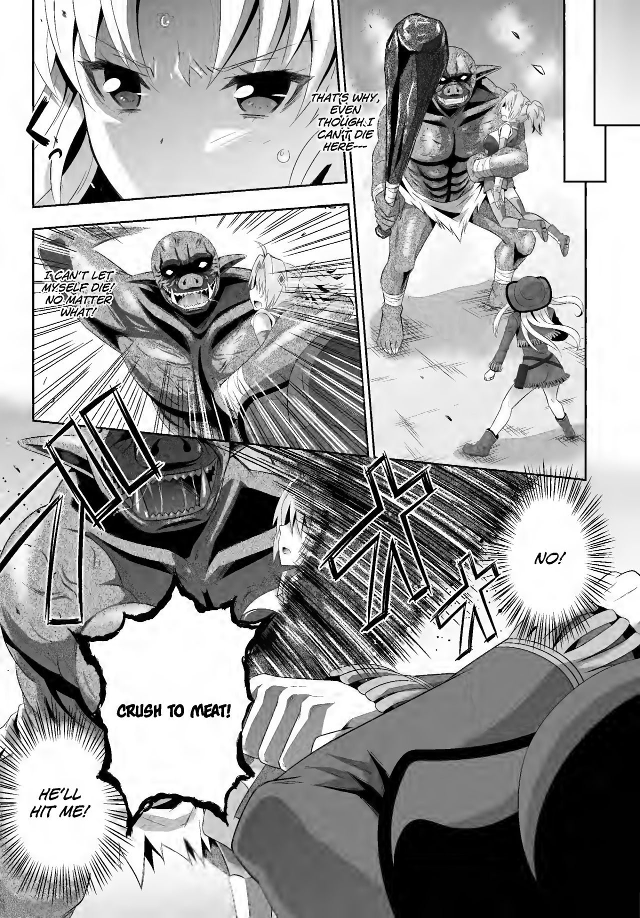
カラ カラ カラ
GOH HOH HOH!

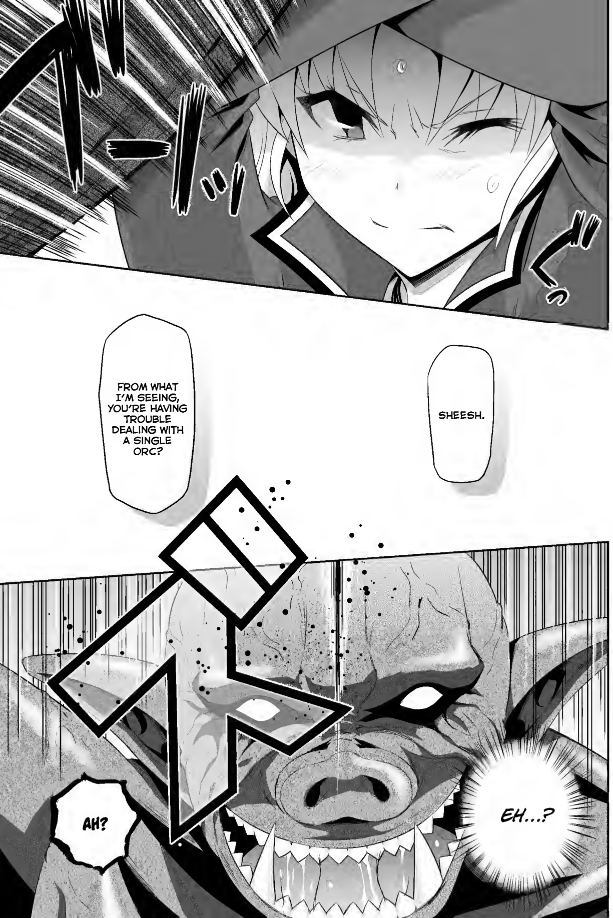

I SMASH TO PIECES!
Null attribute first-class magic-- Magic barrier, extend--
PROTECTION!
GUOOO-!
NO DEFEND!

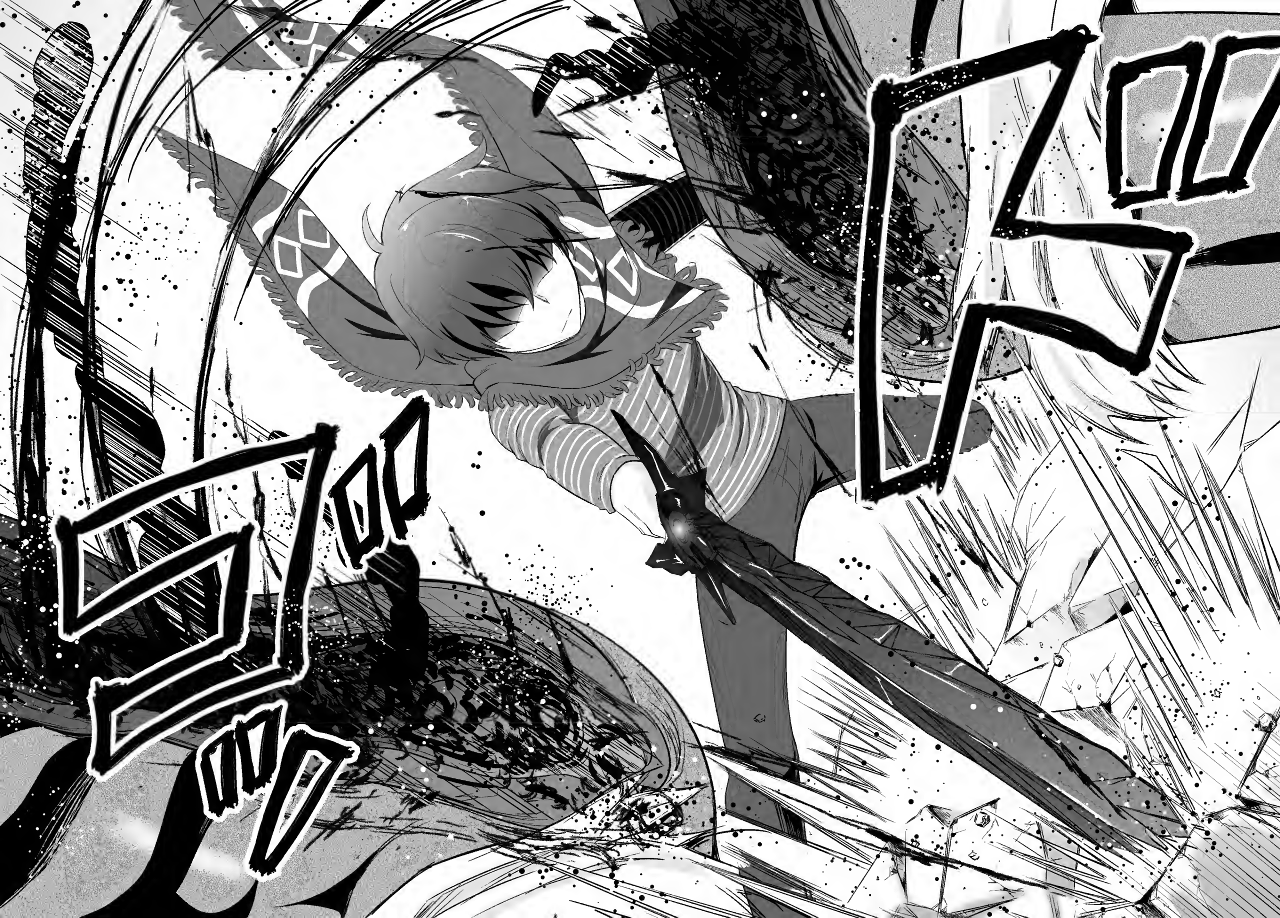

NO DEFEND! DEFEND AGAIN, THIS CRUSH!
YOUR COMRADE, KILL! NO FORGIVE!
GRIND!
UNTIL MINCE! GRIND!
I CAN'T AVOID IT ANYMORE.
I HAVE TO BECOME A PUNCHING BAG!
EVEN...
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T DIE HERE...!


FIVE YEARS AGO WALPURGIS NIGHT-
THE SEVEN-HEADED DRAGON THAT BURNS AWAY THE WORLD'S NINTH AGE, DEMON KING TYPHON.
TYPHON, WHOM ALL THE WORLD'S ARMIES COULD NOT MATCH.
THE WORLD, IN DESPAIR BEFORE THAT OVERWHELMING POWER, COULD ONLY MARCH TOWARD DESTRUCTION.


---BUT THAT WAS WHEN HE APPEARED...
JUST ONE PERSON---
A MAGE WHO KILLED THE DEMON KING TYPHON ALONE.
A HERO, A SAVIOR---
ONE WHO STUDIED ALL THE MAGIC THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD,
ENSLAVING WICKED SPIRITS WHOSE EVIL POWERS WERE EVEN MORE DISTANT THAN THOSE OF THE DEMON KING
THE FIEND SUMMONER, HOMURA KAMISHIRO.
I SAW IT ALL...
AND I WISHED TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO PROTECTED EVERYONE, LIKE HE DID.


THAT'S WHY, EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T DIE HERE---
I CAN'T LET MYSELF DIE! NO MATTER WHAT!
NO!
CRUSH TO MEAT!
HE'LL HIT ME!


SHEESH.
FROM WHAT I'M SEEING, YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE DEALING WITH A SINGLE ORC?
EH...?
AH?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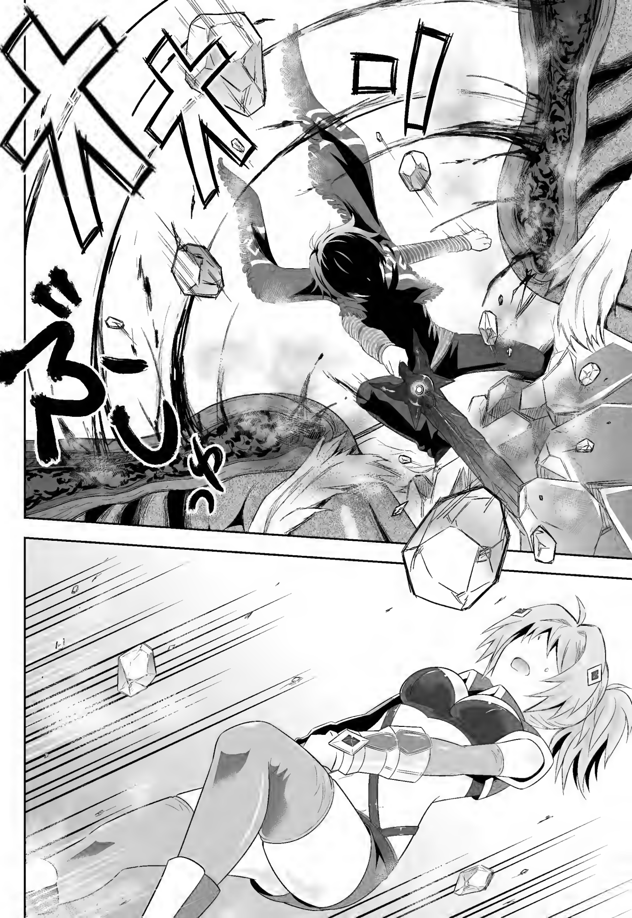
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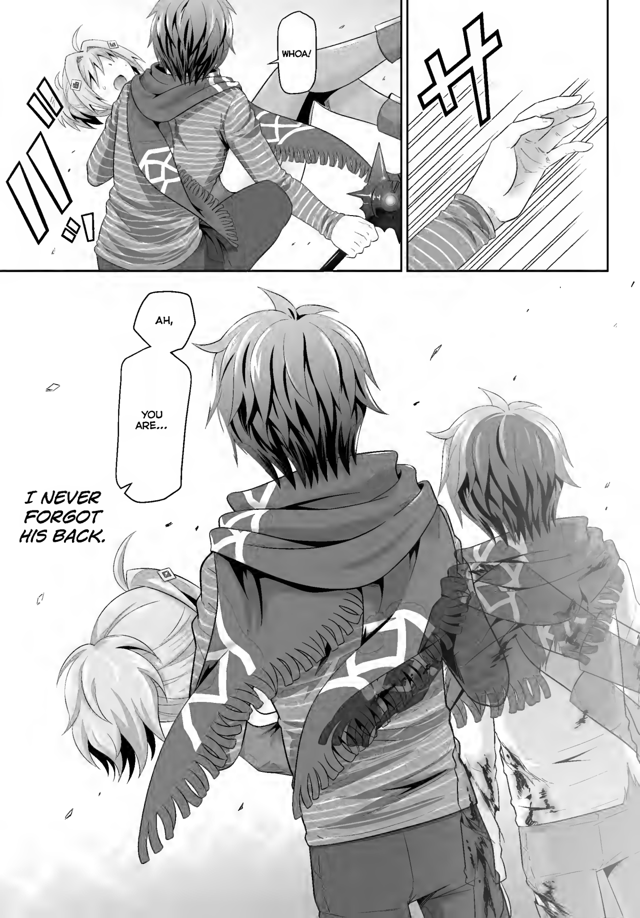
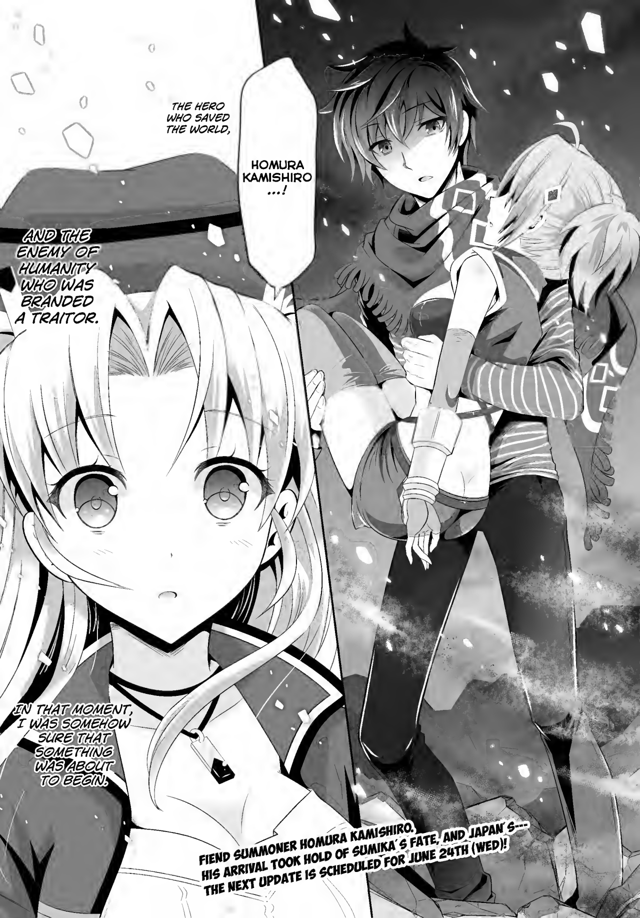

WHOA!
AH,
YOU ARE...
I NEVER FORGOT HIS BACK.


THE HERO WHO SAVED THE WORLD,
HOMURA KAMISHIRO ...!
AND THE ENEMY OF HUMANITY WHO WAS BRANDED A TRAITOR.
IN THAT MOMENT, I WAS SOMEHOW SURE THAT SOMETHING WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

FIEND SUMMONER HOMURA KAMISHIRO.
HIS ARRIVAL TOOK HOLD OF SUMIKA'S FATE, AND JAPAN'S---
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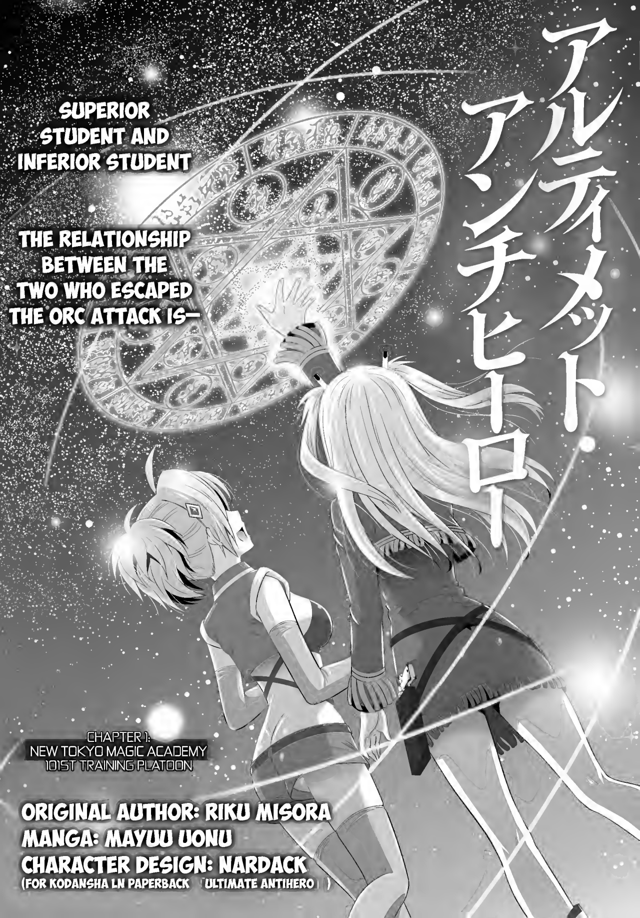

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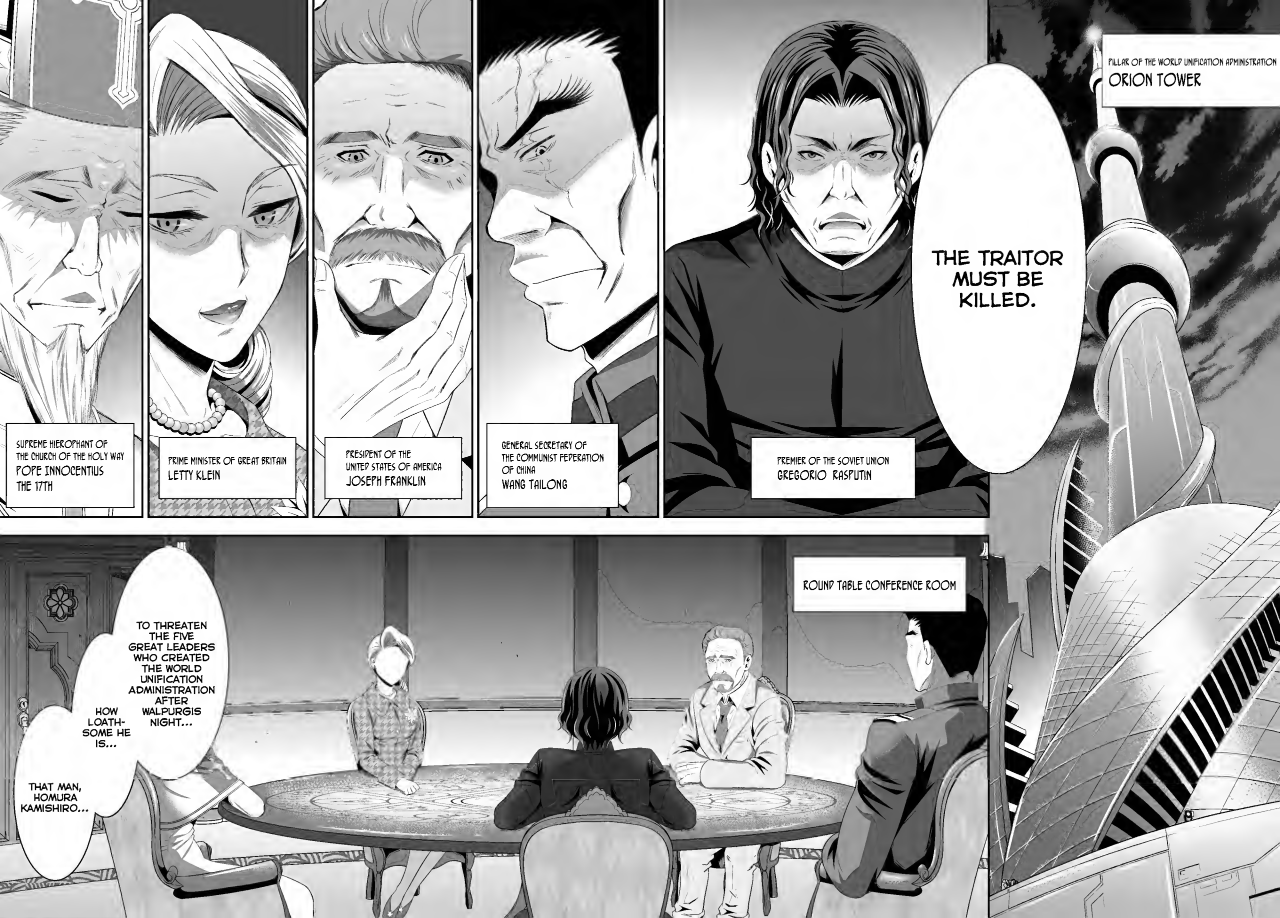
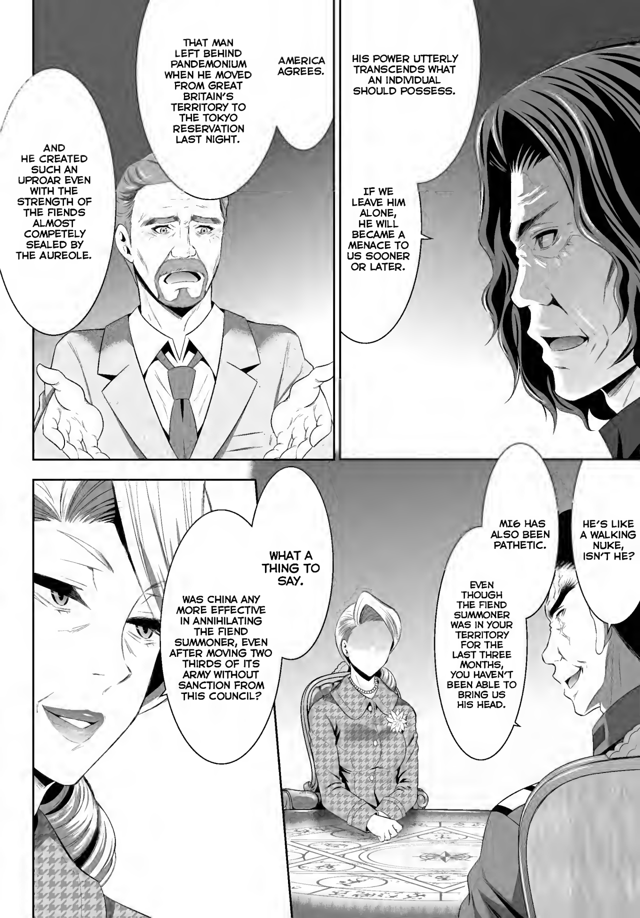
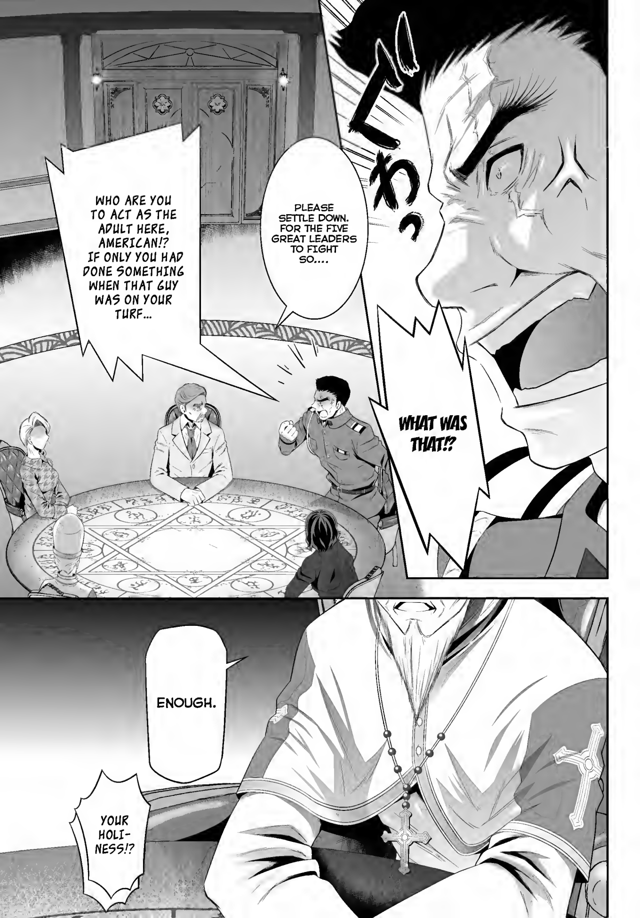
SUPERIOR STUDENT AND INFERIOR STUDENT
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO WHO ESCAPED THE ORC ATTACK IS—

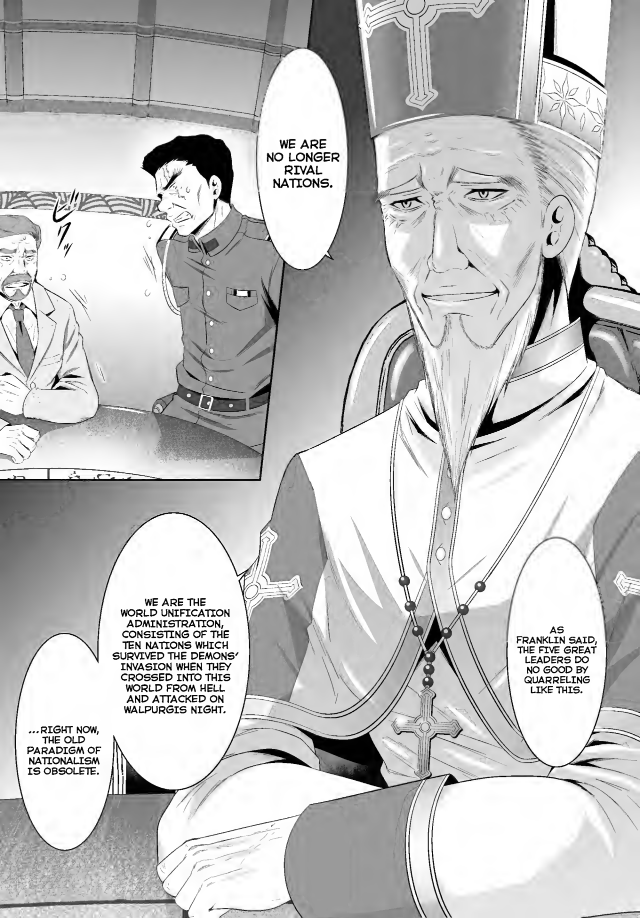
CHAPTER 1:
NEW TOKYO MAGIC ACADEMY 101ST TRAINING PLATOON

ORIGINAL AUTHOR: RIKU MISORA
MANGA: MAYUU UONU
CHARACTER DESIGN: NARDACK
(FOR KODANSHA LN PAPERBACK 「ULTIMATE ANTIHERO」)


PILLAR OF THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
ORION TOWER
THE TRAITOR MUST BE KILLED.
PREMIER OF THE SOVIET UNION
GREGORIO RASPUTIN
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST FEDERATION OF CHINA
WANG TAILONG
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JOSEPH FRANKLIN
PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN
LETTY KLEIN
SUPREME HIEROPHANT OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY WAY
POPE INNOCENTIUS THE 17TH
ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ROOM
TO THREATEN THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS WHO CREATED THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AFTER WALPURGIS NIGHT...
HOW LOATHSOME HE IS...
THAT MAN, HOMURA KAMISHIRO...


HIS POWER UTTERLY TRANSCENDS WHAT AN INDIVIDUAL SHOULD POSSESS.
IF WE LEAVE HIM ALONE, HE WILL BECAME A MENACE TO US SOONER OR LATER.
AMERICA AGREES.
THAT MAN LEFT BEHIND PANDEMONIUM WHEN HE MOVED FROM GREAT BRITAIN'S TERRITORY TO THE TOKYO RESERVATION LAST NIGHT.
AND HE CREATED SUCH AN UPROAR EVEN WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE FIENDS ALMOST COMPETELY SEALED BY THE AUREOLE.
HE'S LIKE A WALKING NUKE, ISN'T HE?
MI6 HAS ALSO BEEN PATHETIC.
EVEN THOUGH THE FIEND SUMMONER WAS IN YOUR TERRITORY FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BRING US HIS HEAD.
WHAT A THING TO SAY.
WAS CHINA ANY MORE EFFECTIVE IN ANNIHILATING THE FIEND SUMMONER, EVEN AFTER MOVING TWO THIRDS OF ITS ARMY WITHOUT SANCTION FROM THIS COUNCIL?


WHAT WAS THAT!?
PLEASE SETTLE DOWN. FOR THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS TO FIGHT SO....
WHO ARE YOU TO ACT AS THE ADULT HERE, AMERICAN!? IF ONLY YOU HAD DONE SOMETHING WHEN THAT GUY WAS ON YOUR TURF...
ENOUGH.
YOUR HOLINESS!?


WE ARE NO LONGER RIVAL NATIONS.
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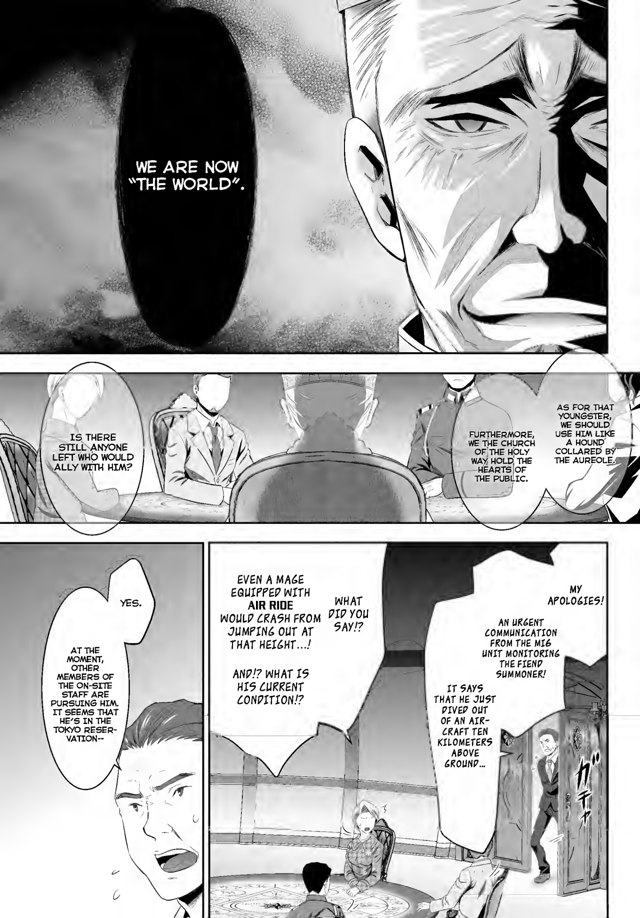
AS FRANKLIN SAID, THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS DO NO GOOD BY QUARRELING LIKE THIS.
WE ARE THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, CONSISTING OF THE TEN NATIONS WHICH SURVIVED THE DEMONS' INVASION WHEN THEY CROSSED INTO THIS WORLD FROM HELL AND ATTACKED ON WALPURGIS NIGHT.
...RIGHT NOW, THE OLD PARADIGM OF NATIONALISM IS OBSOLETE.


WE ARE NOW "THE WORLD".
AS FOR THAT YOUNGSTER, WE SHOULD USE HIM LIKE A HOUND COLLARED BY THE AUREOLE.
FURTHERMORE, WE THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY WAY HOLD THE HEARTS OF THE PUBLIC.
IS THERE STILL ANYONE LEFT WHO WOULD ALLY WITH HIM?
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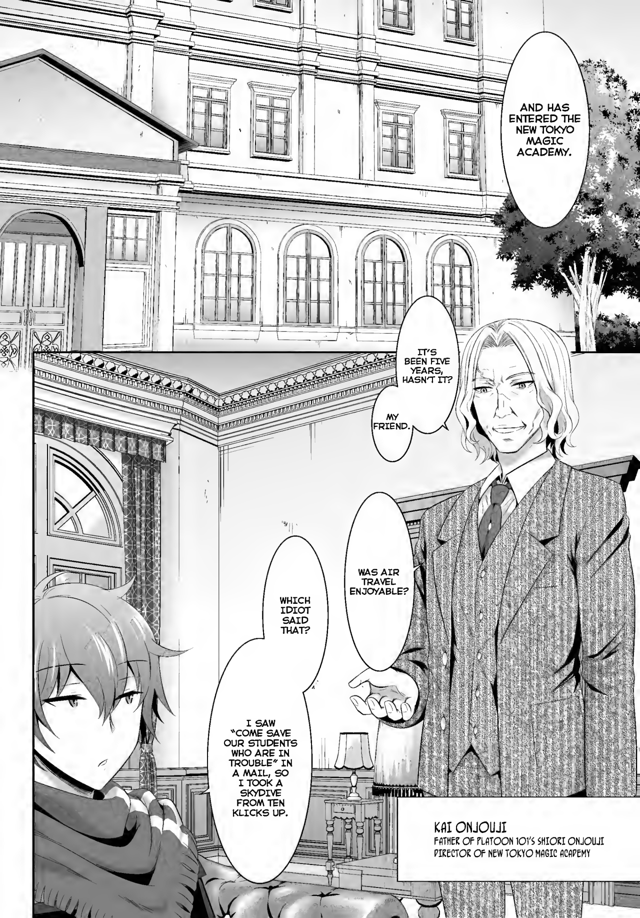
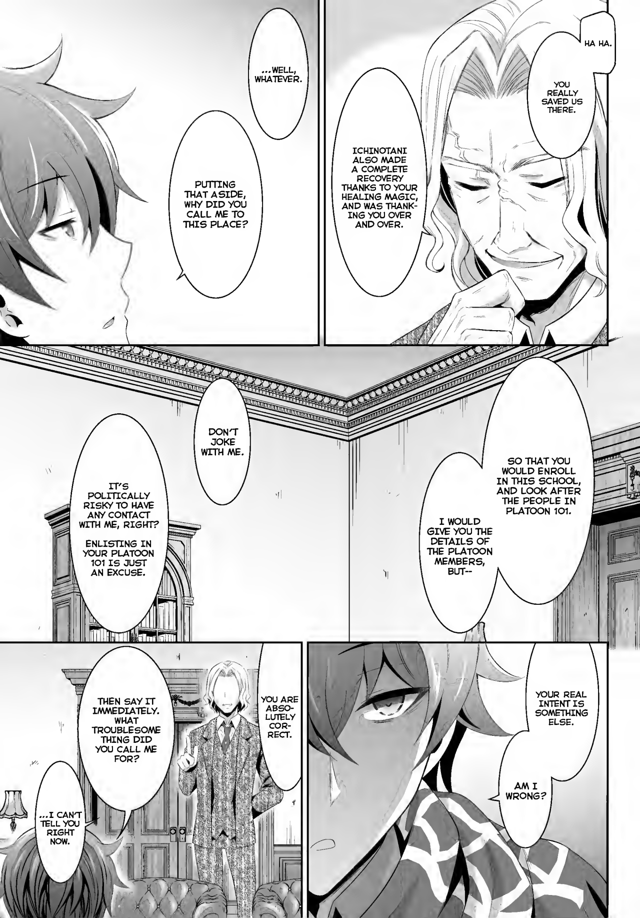
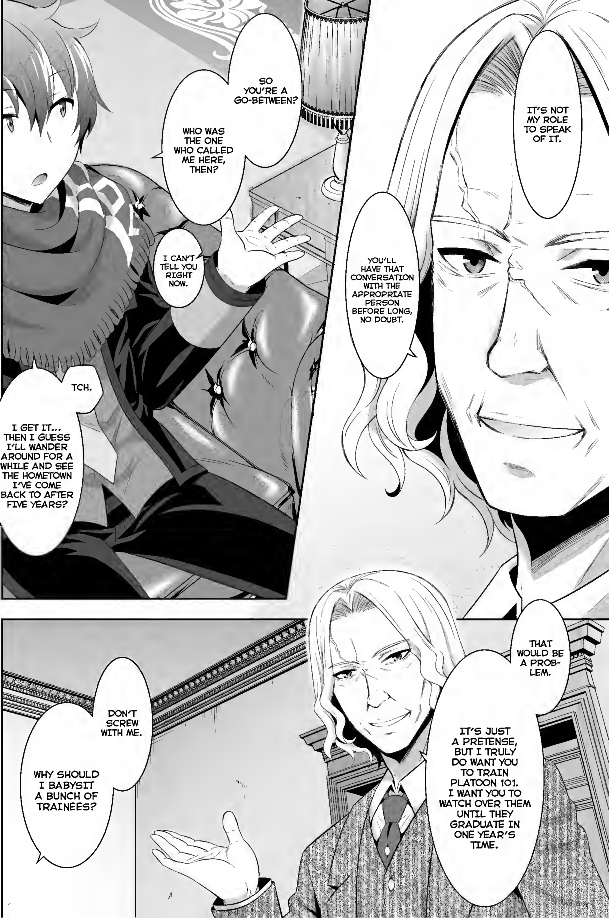
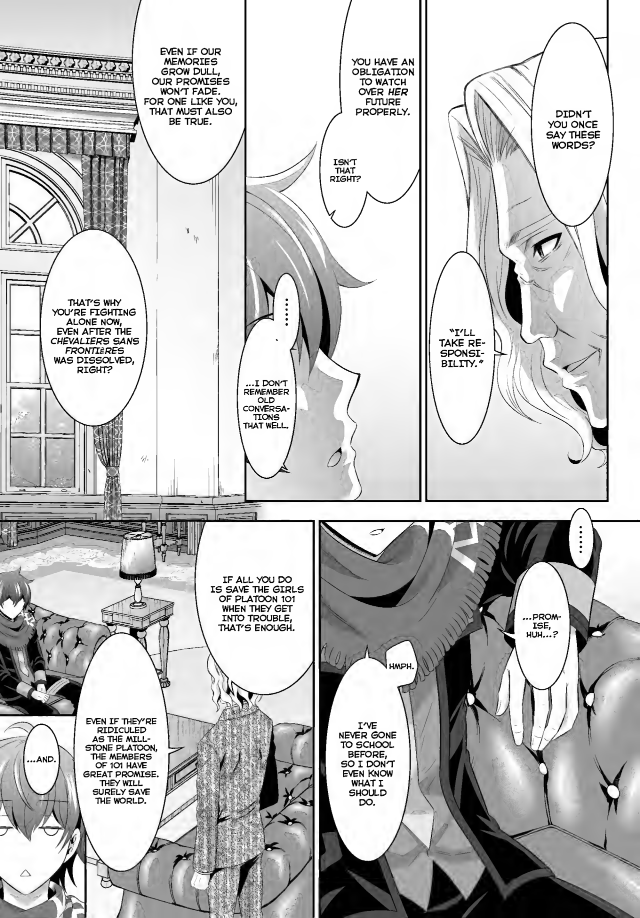
MY APOLOGIES!
AN URGENT COMMUNICATION FROM THE MI6 UNIT MONITORING THE FIEND SUMMONER!
IT SAYS THAT HE JUST DIVED OUT OF AN AIRCRAFT TEN KILOMETERS ABOVE GROUND...
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
EVEN A MAGE EQUIPPED WITH AIR RIDE WOULD CRASH FROM JUMPING OUT AT THAT HEIGHT...!
AND!? WHAT IS HIS CURRENT CONDITION!?
YES.
AT THE MOMENT, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ON-SITE STAFF ARE PURSUING HIM. IT SEEMS THAT HE'S IN THE TOKYO RESERVATION--


AND HAS ENTERED THE NEW TOKYO MAGIC ACADEMY.
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS, HASN'T IT?
MY FRIEND.
WAS AIR TRAVEL ENJOYABLE?
WHICH IDIOT SAID THAT?
I SAW "COME SAVE OUR STUDENTS WHO ARE IN TROUBLE" IN A MAIL, SO I TOOK A SKYDIVE FROM TEN KLICKS UP.
KAI ONJOUJI
FATHER OF PLATOON 101'S SHIORI ONJOUJI
DIRECTOR OF NEW TOKYO MAGIC ACADEMY


HA HA.
YOU REALLY SAVED US THERE.
ICHINOTANI ALSO MADE A COMPLETE RECOVERY THANKS TO YOUR HEALING MAGIC, AND WAS THANKING YOU OVER AND OVER.
...WELL, WHATEVER.
PUTTING THAT ASIDE, WHY DID YOU CALL ME TO THIS PLACE?
SO THAT YOU WOULD ENROLL IN THIS SCHOOL, AND LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE IN PLATOON 101.
I WOULD GIVE YOU THE DETAILS OF THE PLATOON MEMBERS, BUT--
DON'T JOKE WITH ME.
IT'S POLITICALLY RISKY TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH ME, RIGHT? ENLISTING IN YOUR PLATOON 101 IS JUST AN EXCUSE.
YOUR REAL INTENT IS SOMETHING ELSE.
AM I WRONG?
YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.
THEN SAY IT IMMEDIATELY. WHAT TROUBLESOME THING DID YOU CALL ME FOR?
...I CAN'T TELL YOU RIGHT NOW.


SO YOU'RE A GO-BETWEEN?
WHO WAS THE ONE WHO CALLED ME HERE, THEN?
I CAN'T TELL YOU RIGHT NOW.
IT'S NOT MY ROLE TO SPEAK OF IT.
YOU'LL HAVE THAT CONVERSATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE PERSON BEFORE LONG, NO DOUBT.
TCH.
I GET IT... THEN I GUESS I'LL WANDER AROUND FOR A WHILE AND SEE THE HOMETOWN I'VE COME BACK TO AFTER FIVE YEARS?
THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.
IT'S JUST A PRETENSE, BUT I TRULY DO WANT YOU TO TRAIN PLATOON 101. I WANT YOU TO WATCH OVER THEM UNTIL THEY GRADUATE IN ONE YEAR'S TIME.
DON'T SCREW WITH ME.
WHY SHOULD I BABYSIT A BUNCH OF TRAINEES?


DIDN'T YOU ONCE SAY THESE WORDS?
"I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY."
YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO WATCH OVER *HER* FUTURE PROPERLY.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
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...I DON'T REMEMBER OLD CONVERSATIONS THAT WELL.
EVEN IF OUR MEMORIES GROW DULL, OUR PROMISES WON'T FADE. FOR ONE LIKE YOU, THAT MUST ALSO BE TRUE.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE FIGHTING ALONE NOW, EVEN AFTER THE *CHEVALIERS SANS FRONTIÈRES* WAS DISSOLVED, RIGHT?
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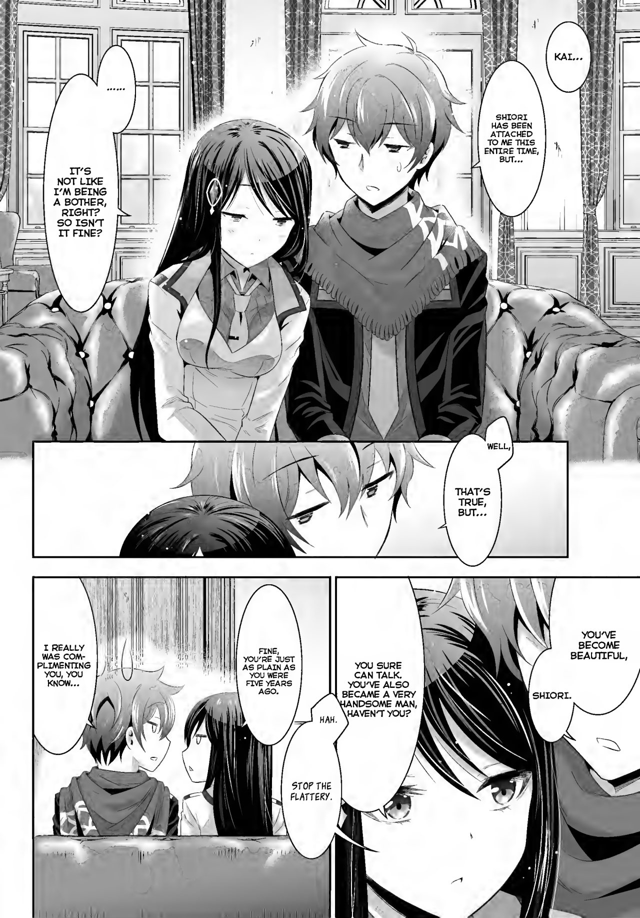
...PROMISE, HUH...?
HMPH.
I'VE NEVER GONE TO SCHOOL BEFORE, SO I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO.
IF ALL YOU DO IS SAVE THE GIRLS OF PLATOON 101 WHEN THEY GET INTO TROUBLE, THAT'S ENOUGH.
EVEN IF THEY'RE RIDICULED AS THE MILLSTONE PLATOON, THE MEMBERS OF 101 HAVE GREAT PROMISE. THEY WILL SURELY SAVE THE WORLD.
...AND.


KAI...
SHIORI HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO ME THIS ENTIRE TIME, BUT...
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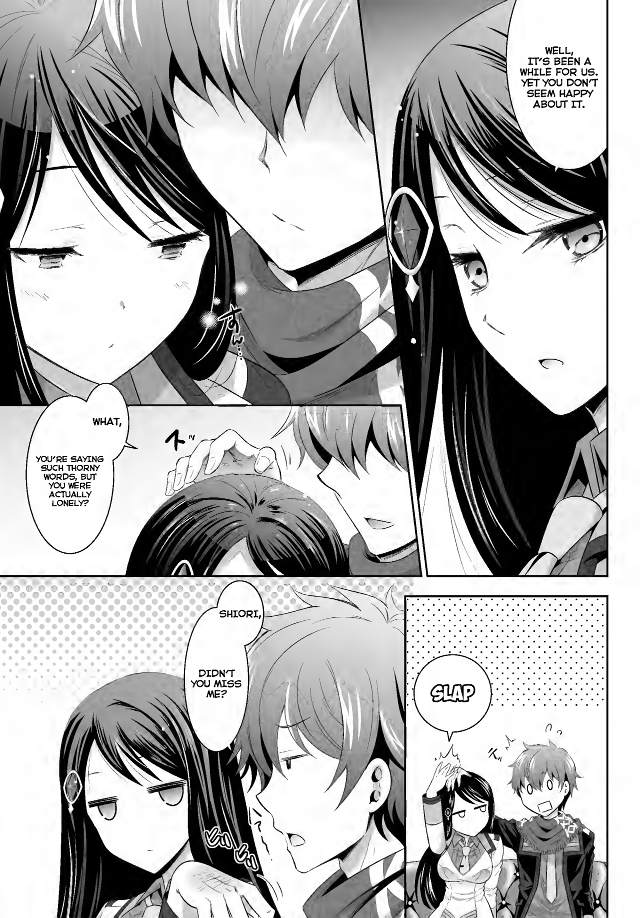
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M BEING A BOTHER, RIGHT? SO ISN'T IT FINE?
WELL,
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
YOU'VE BECOME BEAUTIFUL,
SHIORI.
YOU SURE CAN TALK. YOU'VE ALSO BECAME A VERY HANDSOME MAN, HAVEN'T YOU?
HAH.
STOP THE FLATTERY.
FINE, YOU'RE JUST AS PLAIN AS YOU WERE FIVE YEARS AGO.
I REALLY WAS COMPLIMENTING YOU, YOU KNOW...


WELL, IT'S BEEN A WHILE FOR US. YET YOU DON'T SEEM HAPPY ABOUT IT.
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WHAT,
YOU'RE SAYING SUCH THORNY WORDS, BUT YOU WERE ACTUALLY LONELY?
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SHIORI,
DIDN'T YOU MISS ME?
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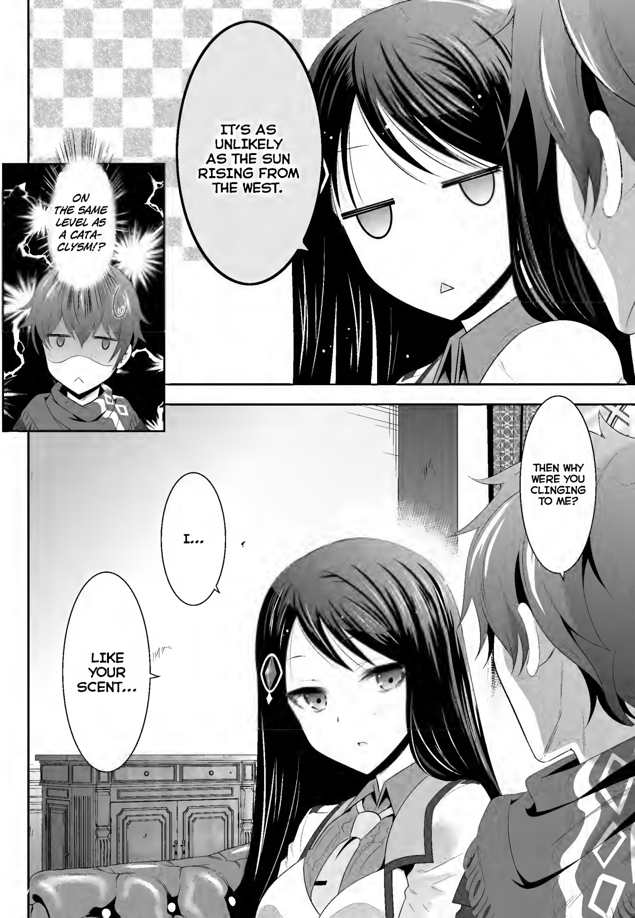
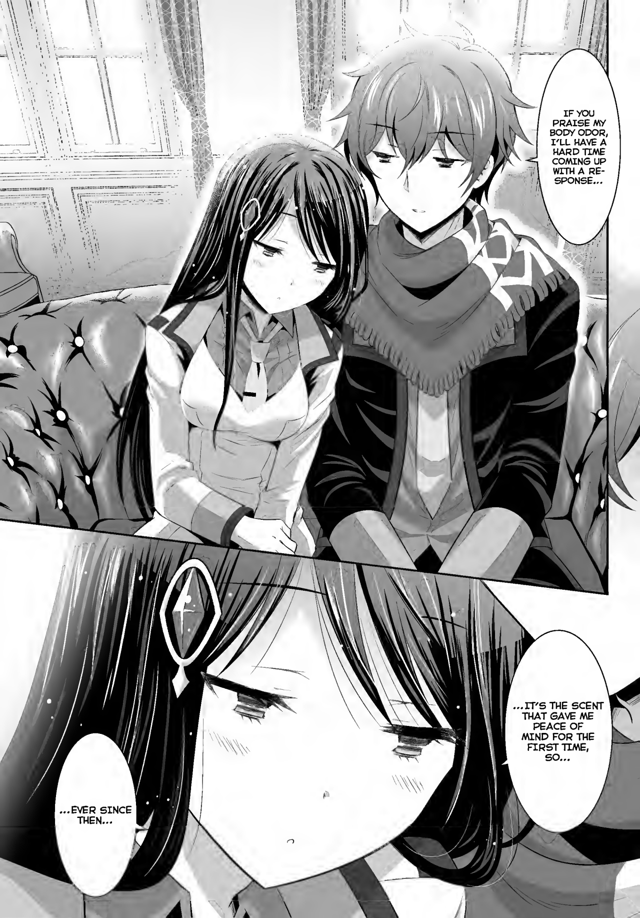
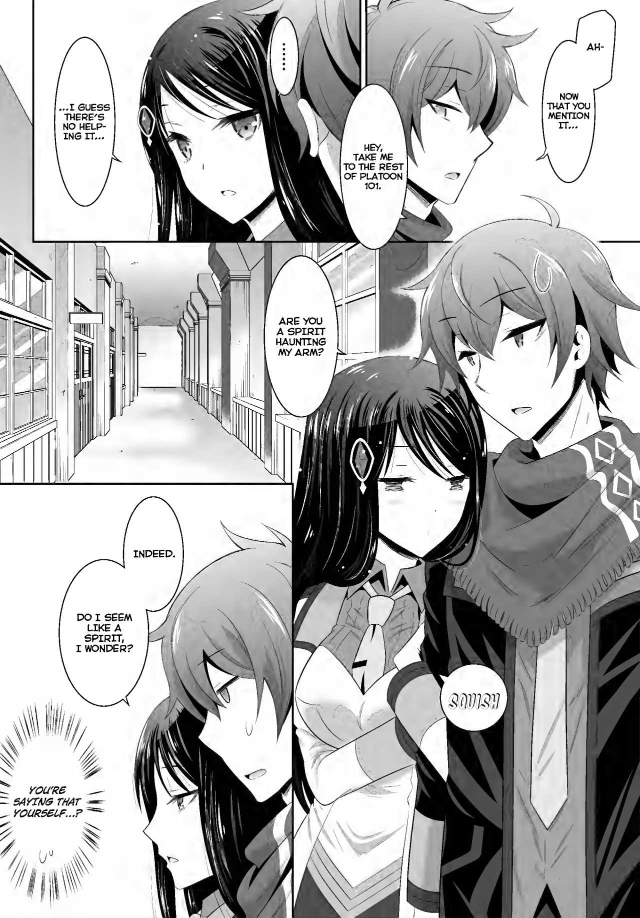

IT'S AS UNLIKELY AS THE SUN RISING FROM THE WEST.
ON THE SAME LEVEL AS A CATACLYSM!?
THEN WHY WERE YOU CLINGING TO ME?
I...
LIKE YOUR SCENT...


IF YOU PRAISE MY BODY ODOR, I'LL HAVE A HARD TIME COMING UP WITH A RESPONSE...
...IT'S THE SCENT THAT GAVE ME PEACE OF MIND FOR THE FIRST TIME, SO...
...EVER SINCE THEN...


AH-
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
HEY, TAKE ME TO THE REST OF PLATOON 101.
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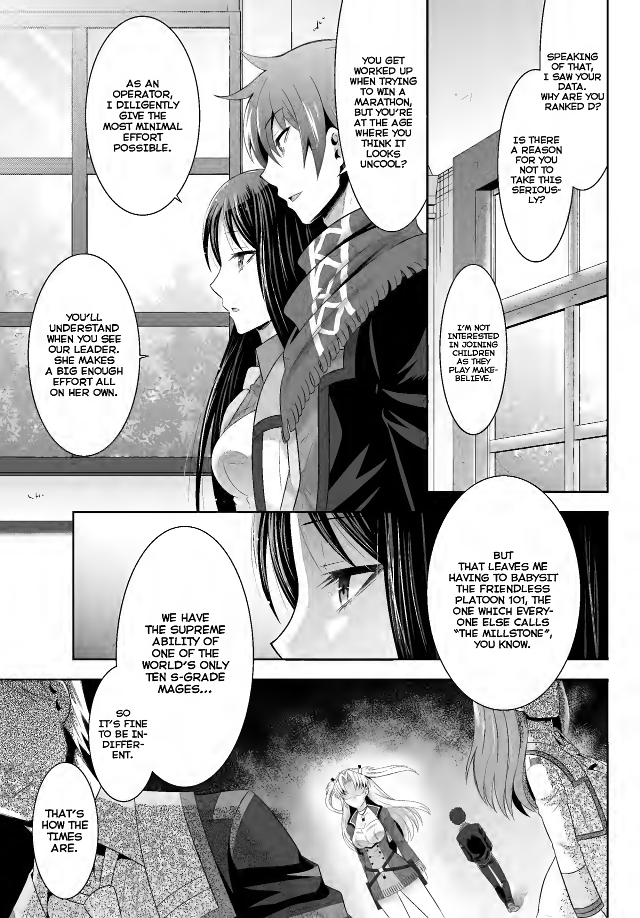
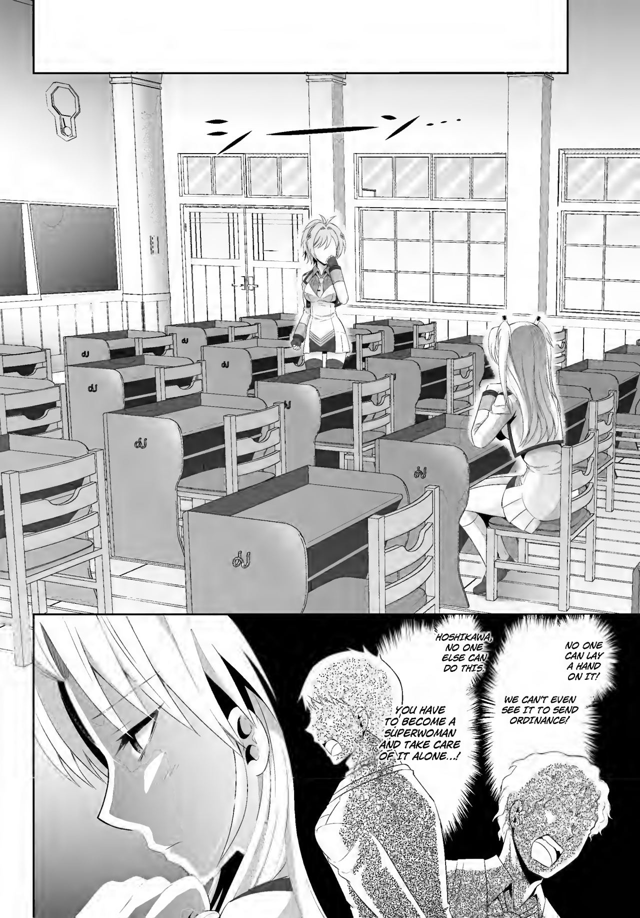
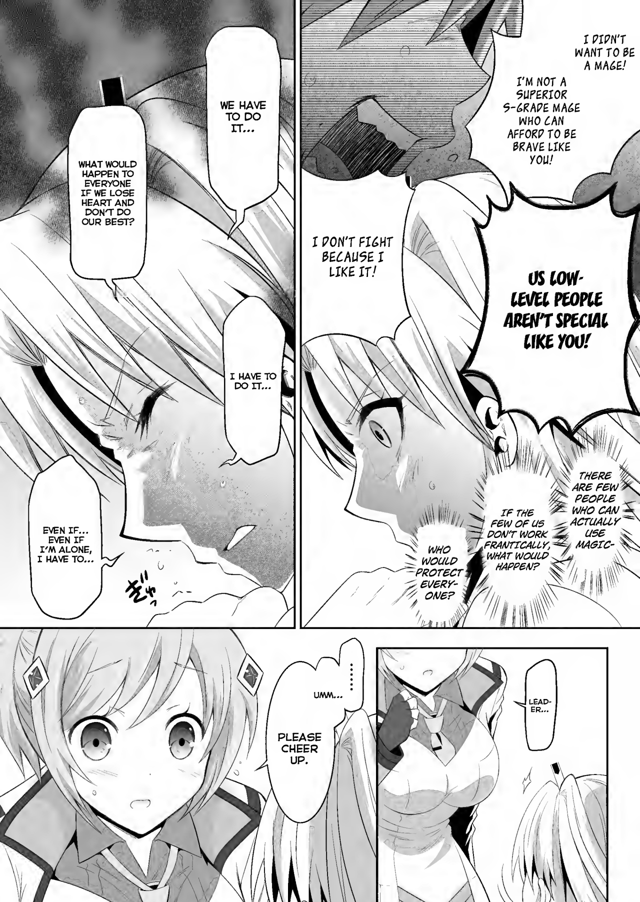
...I GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT...
ARE YOU A SPIRIT HAUNTING MY ARM?
SQUISH
INDEED.
DO I SEEM LIKE A SPIRIT, I WONDER?
YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOURSELF...?


SPEAKING OF THAT, I SAW YOUR DATA. WHY ARE YOU RANKED D?
IS THERE A REASON FOR YOU NOT TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING CHILDREN AS THEY PLAY MAKE-BELIEVE.
YOU GET WORKED UP WHEN TRYING TO WIN A MARATHON, BUT YOU'RE AT THE AGE WHERE YOU THINK IT LOOKS UNCOOL?
AS AN OPERATOR, I DILIGENTLY GIVE THE MOST MINIMAL EFFORT POSSIBLE.
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SEE OUR LEADER. SHE MAKES A BIG ENOUGH EFFORT ALL ON HER OWN.
BUT THAT LEAVES ME HAVING TO BABYSIT THE FRIENDLESS PLATOON 101, THE ONE WHICH EVERYONE ELSE CALLS "THE MILLSTONE", YOU KNOW.
WE HAVE THE SUPREME ABILITY OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S ONLY TEN S-GRADE MAGES...
SO IT'S FINE TO BE INDIFFERENT.
THAT'S HOW THE TIMES ARE.


NO ONE CAN LAY A HAND ON IT!
WE CAN'T EVEN SEE IT TO SEND ORDINANCE!
HOSHIKAWA, NO ONE ELSE CAN DO THIS.
YOU HAVE TO BECOME A SUPERWOMAN AND TAKE CARE OF IT ALONE...!


I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A MAGE!
I'M NOT A SUPERIOR S-GRADE MAGE WHO CAN AFFORD TO BE BRAVE LIKE YOU!
I DON'T FIGHT BECAUSE I LIKE IT!
US LOW-LEVEL PEOPLE AREN'T SPECIAL LIKE YOU!
THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE WHO CAN ACTUALLY USE MAGIC-
IF THE FEW OF US DON'T WORK FRANTICALLY, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?
WHO WOULD PROTECT EVERYONE?
WE HAVE TO DO IT...
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO EVERYONE IF WE LOSE HEART AND DON'T DO OUR BEST?
I HAVE TO DO IT...
EVEN IF... EVEN IF I'M ALONE, I HAVE TO...
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LEADER...
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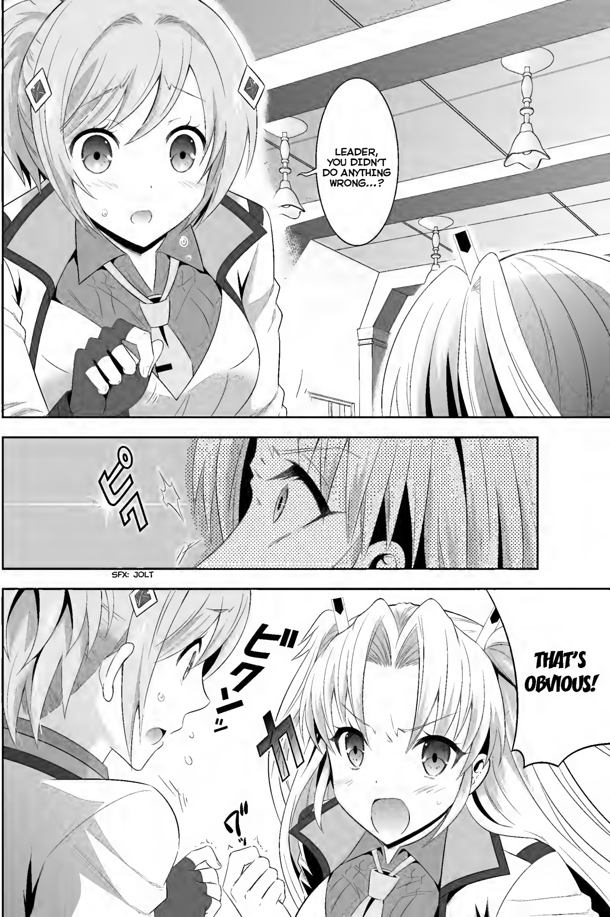
UMM...
PLEASE CHEER UP.


LEADER, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...?
THAT'S OBVIOUS!

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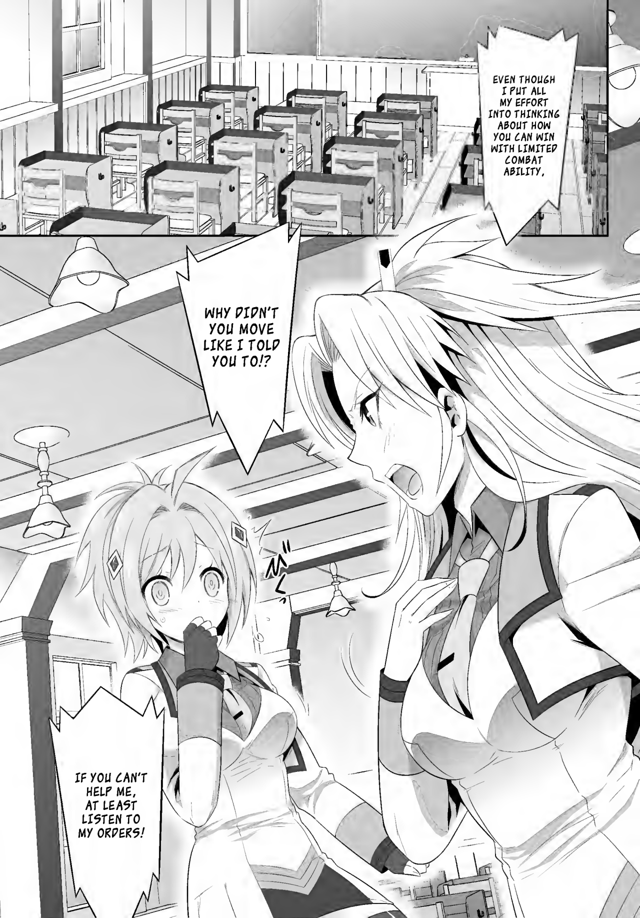
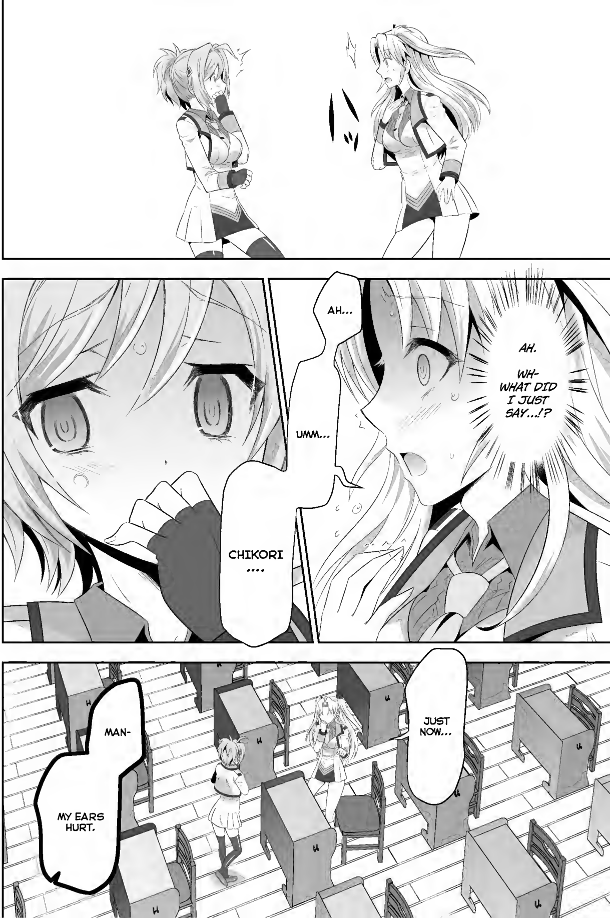
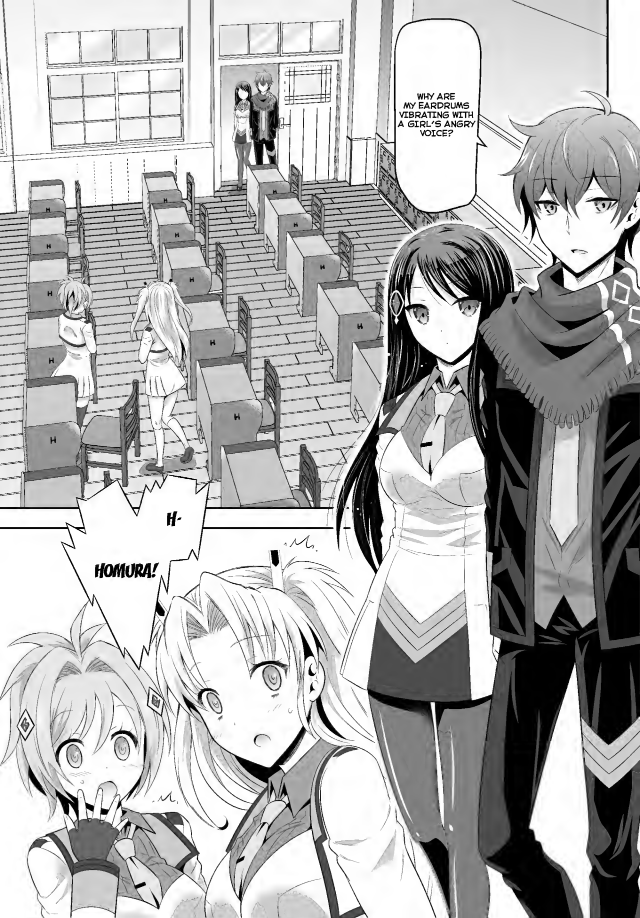

EVEN THOUGH I PUT ALL MY EFFORT INTO THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU CAN WIN WITH LIMITED COMBAT ABILITY,
WHY DIDN'T YOU MOVE LIKE I TOLD YOU TO!?
IF YOU CAN'T HELP ME, AT LEAST LISTEN TO MY ORDERS!


AH.
WH-WHAT DID I JUST SAY...!?
AH...
UMM...
CHIKORI ....
JUST NOW...
MAN-
MY EARS HURT.


WHY ARE MY EARDRUMS VIBRATING WITH A GIRL'S ANGRY VOICE?
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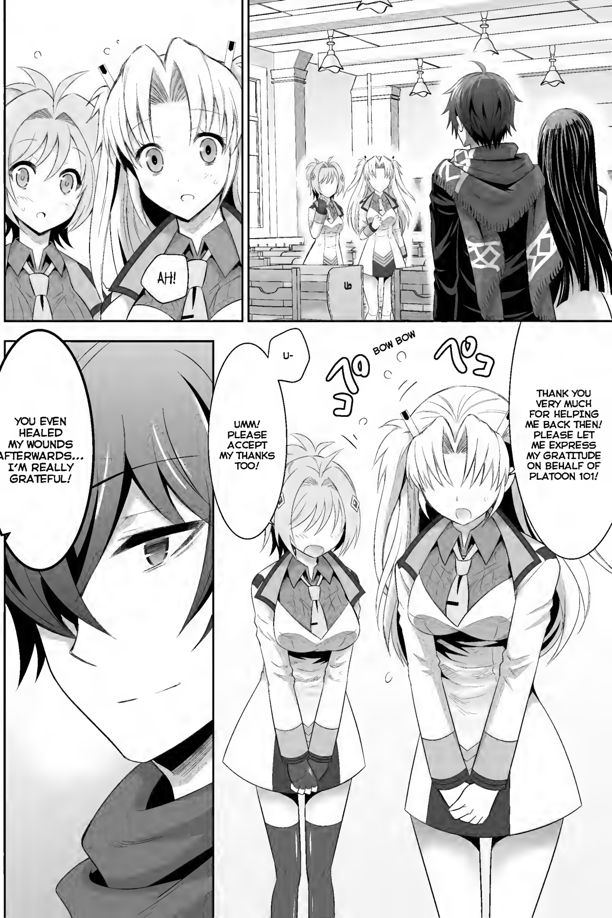
HOMURA!


AH!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING ME BACK THEN! PLEASE LET ME EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF PLATOON 101!
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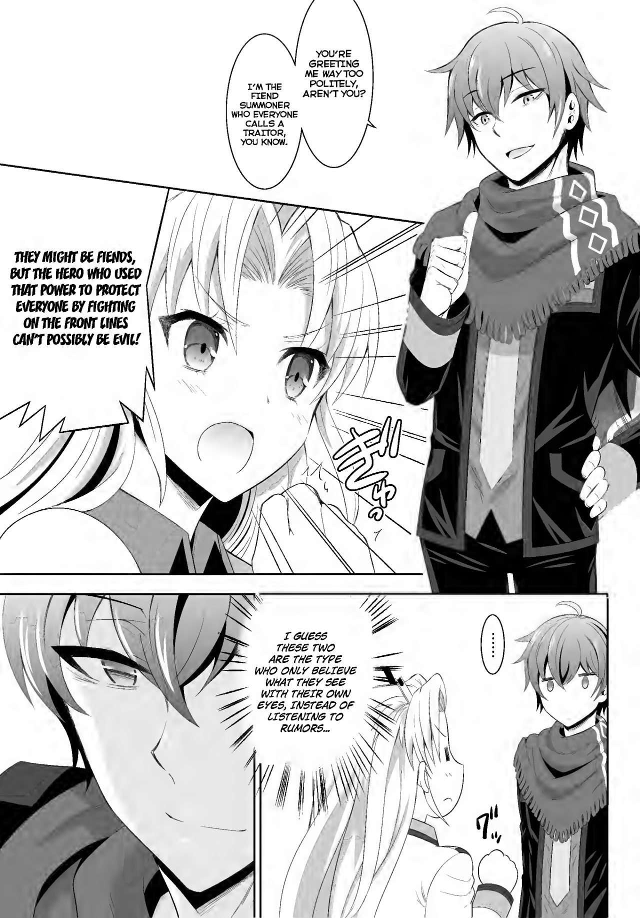
UMM! PLEASE ACCEPT MY THANKS TOO!
YOU EVEN HEALED MY WOUNDS AFTERWARDS... I'M REALLY GRATEFUL!


YOU'RE GREETING ME WAY TOO POLITELY, AREN'T YOU?
I'M THE FIEND SUMMONER WHO EVERYONE CALLS A TRAITOR, YOU KNOW.
THEY MIGHT BE FIENDS, BUT THE HERO WHO USED THAT POWER TO PROTECT EVERYONE BY FIGHTING ON THE FRONT LINES CAN'T POSSIBLY BE EVIL!
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I GUESS THESE TWO ARE THE TYPE WHO ONLY BELIEVE WHAT THEY SEE WITH THEIR OWN EYES, INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO RUMORS...
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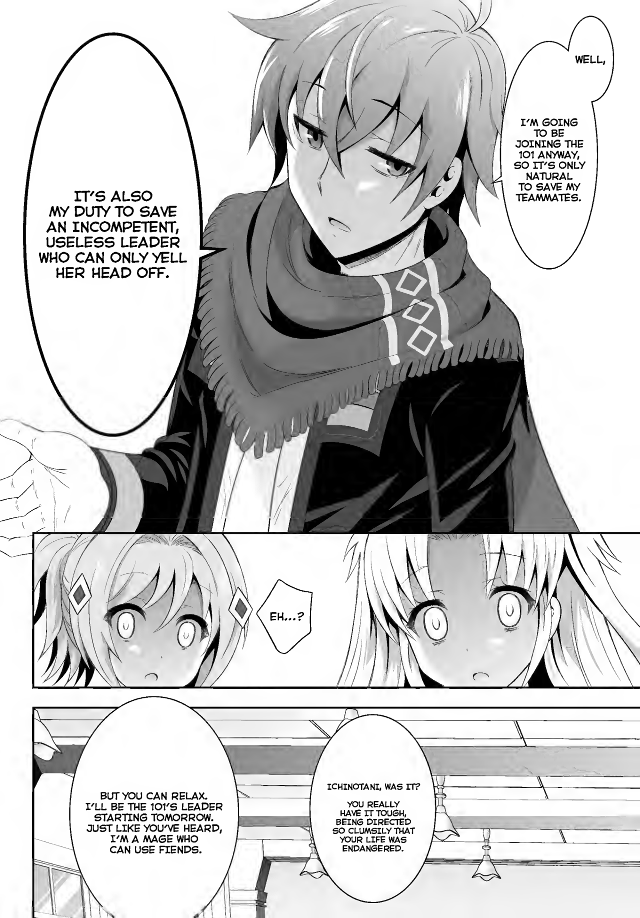
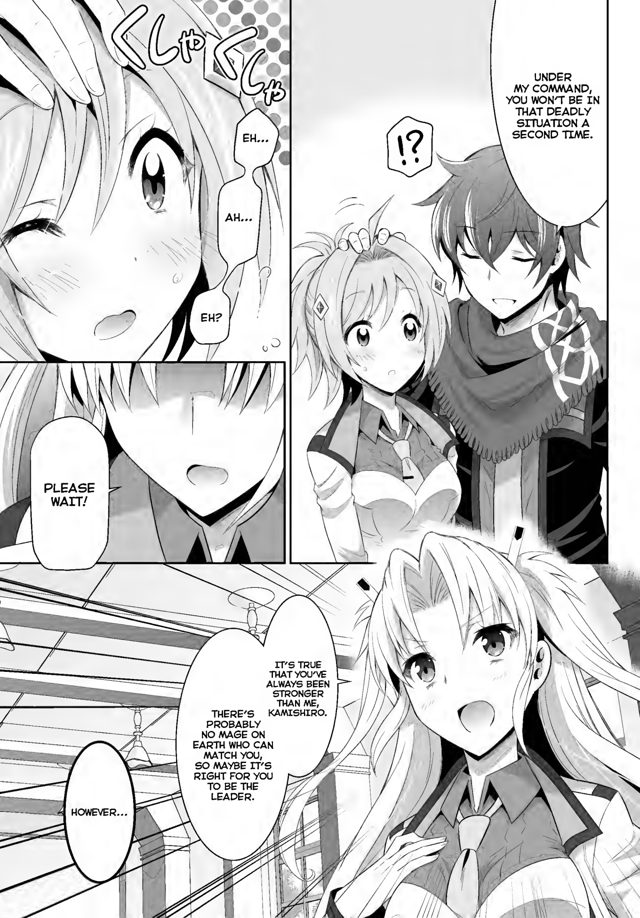

WELL,
I'M GOING TO BE JOINING THE 101 ANYWAY, SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO SAVE MY TEAMMATES.
IT'S ALSO MY DUTY TO SAVE AN INCOMPETENT, USELESS LEADER WHO CAN ONLY YELL HER HEAD OFF.
EH...?
ICHINOTANI, WAS IT?
YOU REALLY HAVE IT TOUGH, BEING DIRECTED SO CLUMSILY THAT YOUR LIFE WAS ENDANGERED.
BUT YOU CAN RELAX. I'LL BE THE 101'S LEADER STARTING TOMORROW. JUST LIKE YOU'VE HEARD, I'M A MAGE WHO CAN USE FIENDS.


UNDER MY COMMAND, YOU WON'T BE IN THAT DEADLY SITUATION A SECOND TIME.
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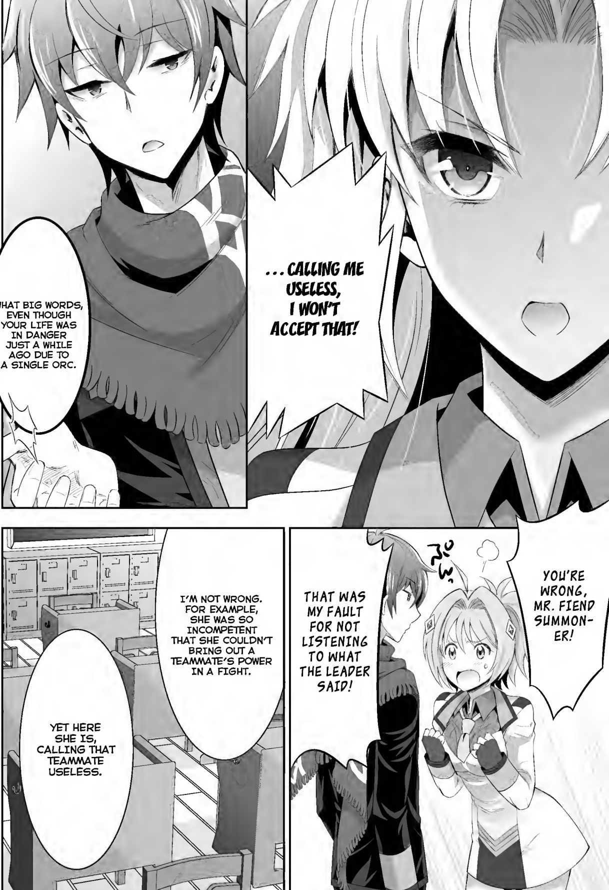
EH...
AH...
EH?
PLEASE WAIT!
IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN STRONGER THAN ME, KAMISHIRO.
THERE'S PROBABLY NO MAGE ON EARTH WHO CAN MATCH YOU, SO MAYBE IT'S RIGHT FOR YOU TO BE THE LEADER.
HOWEVER...


...CALLING ME USELESS, I WON'T ACCEPT THAT!
WHAT BIG WORDS, EVEN THOUGH YOUR LIFE WAS IN DANGER JUST A WHILE AGO DUE TO A SINGLE ORC.
YOU'RE WRONG, MR. FIEND SUMMONER!
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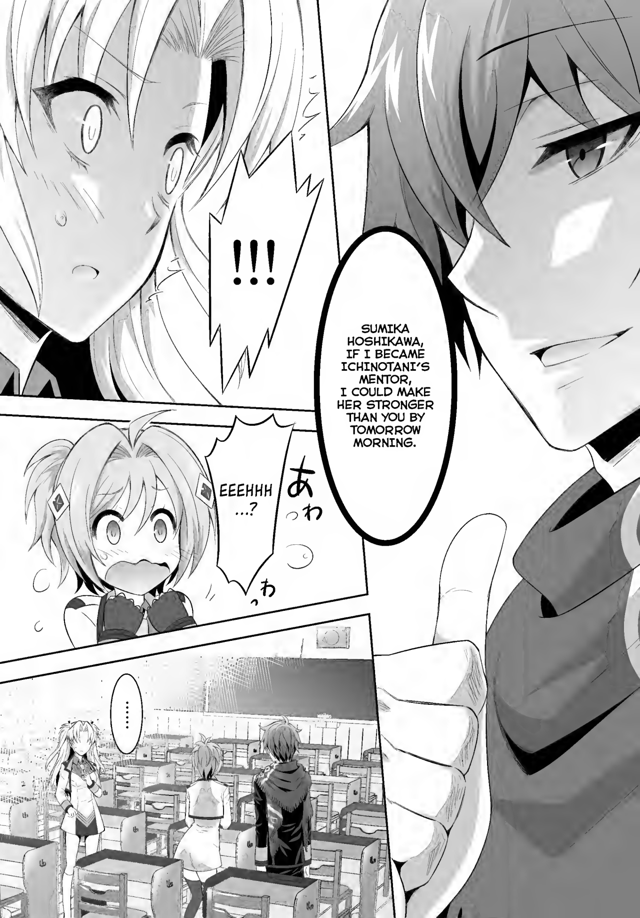
THAT WAS MY FAULT FOR NOT LISTENING TO WHAT THE LEADER SAID!
I'M NOT WRONG. FOR EXAMPLE, SHE WAS SO INCOMPETENT THAT SHE COULDN'T BRING OUT A TEAMMATE'S POWER IN A FIGHT.
YET HERE SHE IS, CALLING THAT TEAMMATE USELESS.


SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA, IF I BECAME ICHINOTANI'S MENTOR, I COULD MAKE HER STRONGER THAN YOU BY TOMORROW MORNING.
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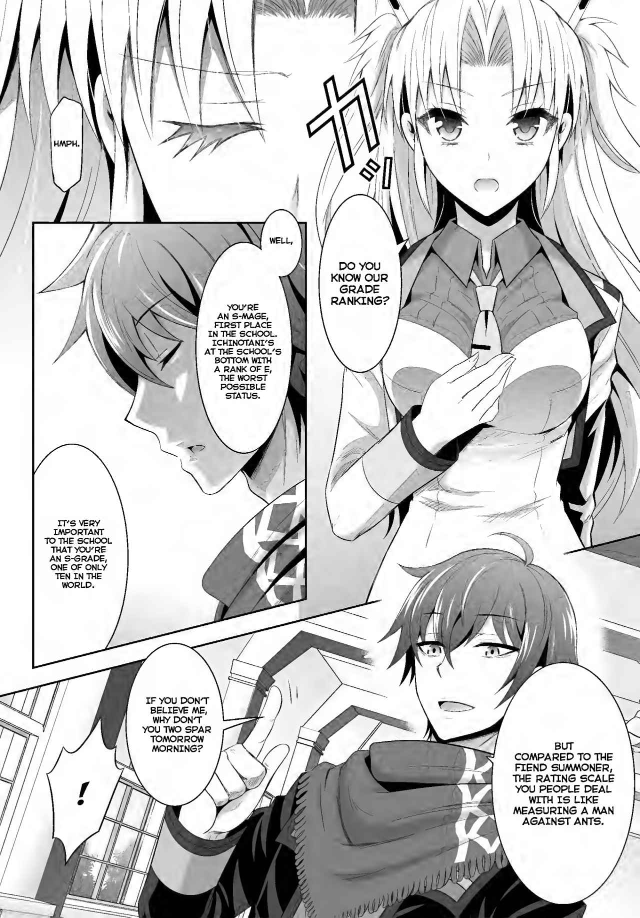
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DO YOU KNOW OUR GRADE RANKING?
HMPH.
WELL,
YOU'RE AN S-MAGE, FIRST PLACE IN THE SCHOOL. ICHINOTANI'S AT THE SCHOOL'S BOTTOM WITH A RANK OF E, THE WORST POSSIBLE STATUS.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SCHOOL THAT YOU'RE AN S-GRADE, ONE OF ONLY TEN IN THE WORLD.
BUT COMPARED TO THE FIEND SUMMONER, THE RATING SCALE YOU PEOPLE DEAL WITH IS LIKE MEASURING A MAN AGAINST ANTS.
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, WHY DON'T YOU TWO SPAR TOMORROW MORNING?
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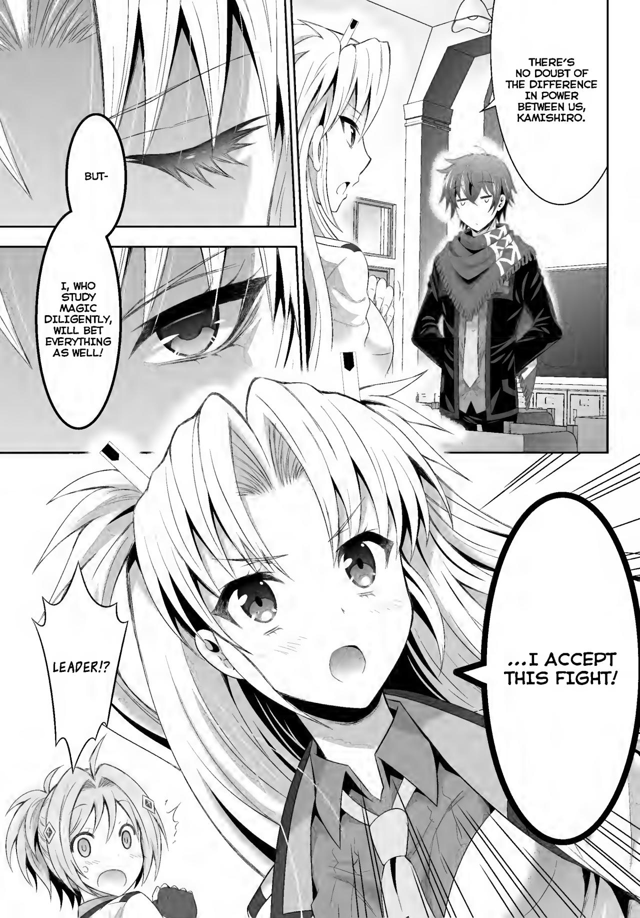
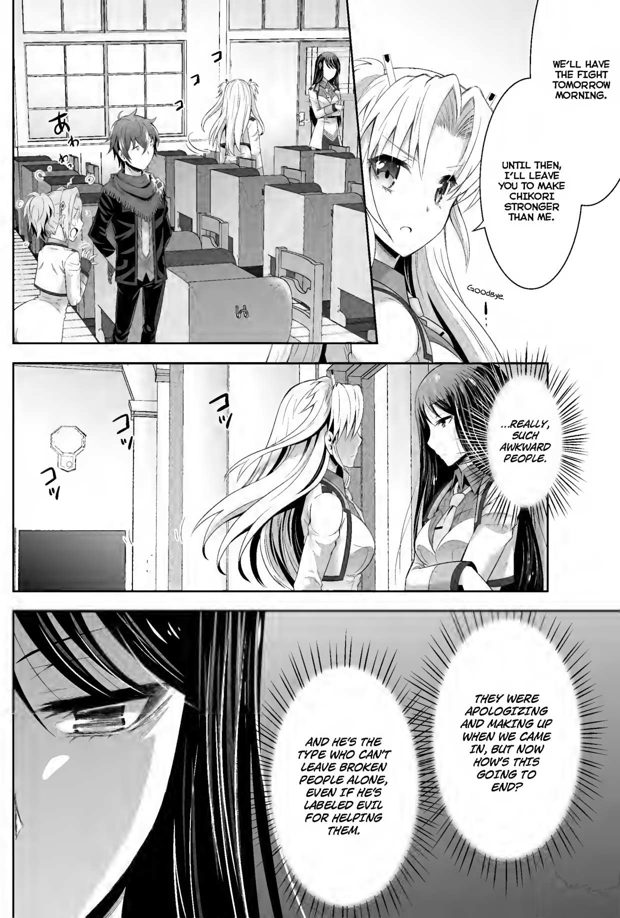

THERE'S NO DOUBT OF THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER BETWEEN US, KAMISHIRO.
BUT-
I, WHO STUDY MAGIC DILIGENTLY, WILL BET EVERYTHING AS WELL!
...I ACCEPT THIS FIGHT!
LEADER!?


WE'LL HAVE THE FIGHT TOMORROW MORNING.
UNTIL THEN, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO MAKE CHIKORI STRONGER THAN ME.
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...REALLY, SUCH AWKWARD PEOPLE.
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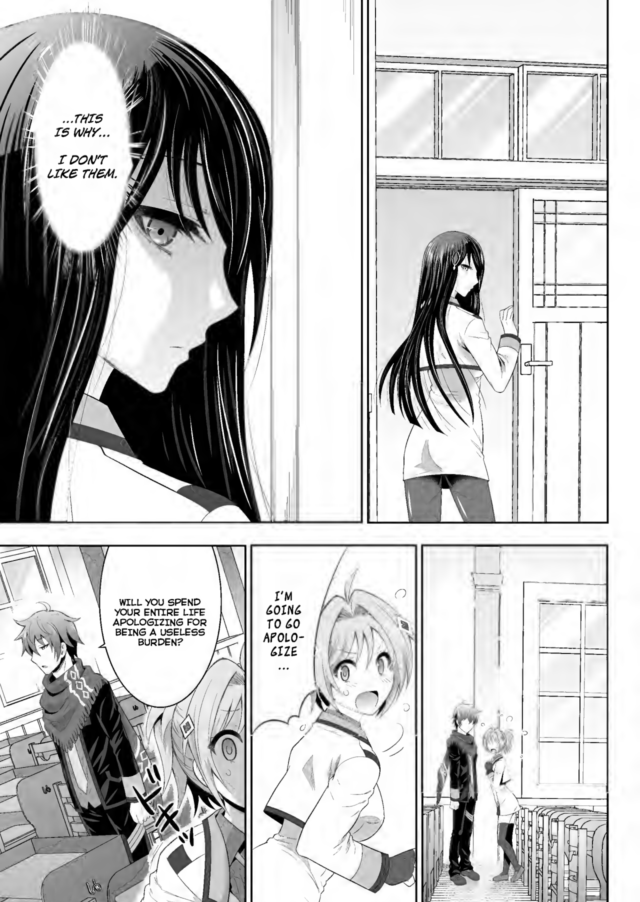
THEY WERE APOLOGIZING AND MAKING UP WHEN WE CAME IN, BUT NOW HOW'S THIS GOING TO END?
AND HE'S THE TYPE WHO CAN'T LEAVE BROKEN PEOPLE ALONE, EVEN IF HE'S LABELED EVIL FOR HELPING THEM.


...THIS IS WHY... I DON'T LIKE THEM.
I'M GOING TO GO APOLOGIZE ...
WILL YOU SPEND YOUR ENTIRE LIFE APOLOGIZING FOR BEING A USELESS BURDEN?
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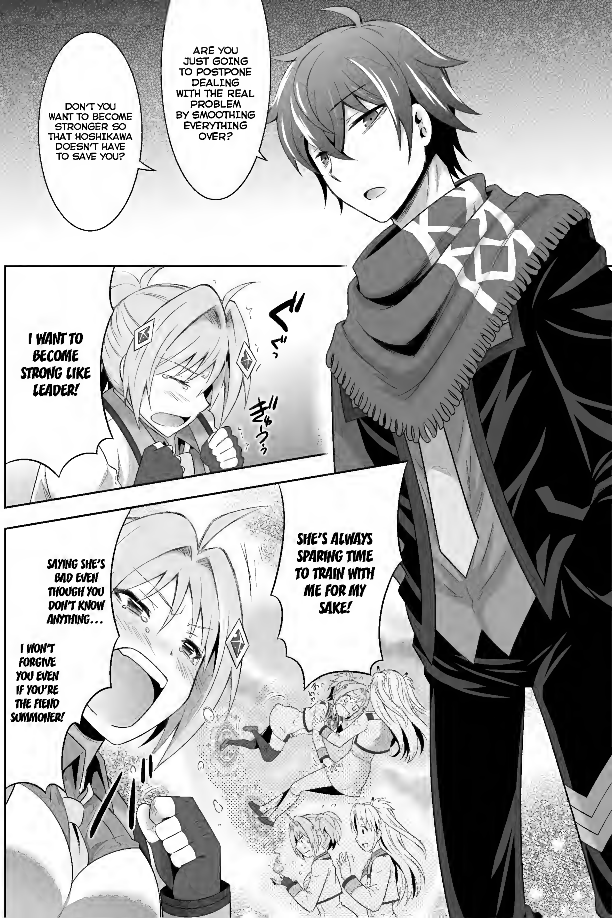
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO POSTPONE DEALING WITH THE REAL PROBLEM BY SMOOTHING EVERYTHING OVER?
DON'T YOU WANT TO BECOME STRONGER SO THAT HOSHIKAWA DOESN'T HAVE TO SAVE YOU?
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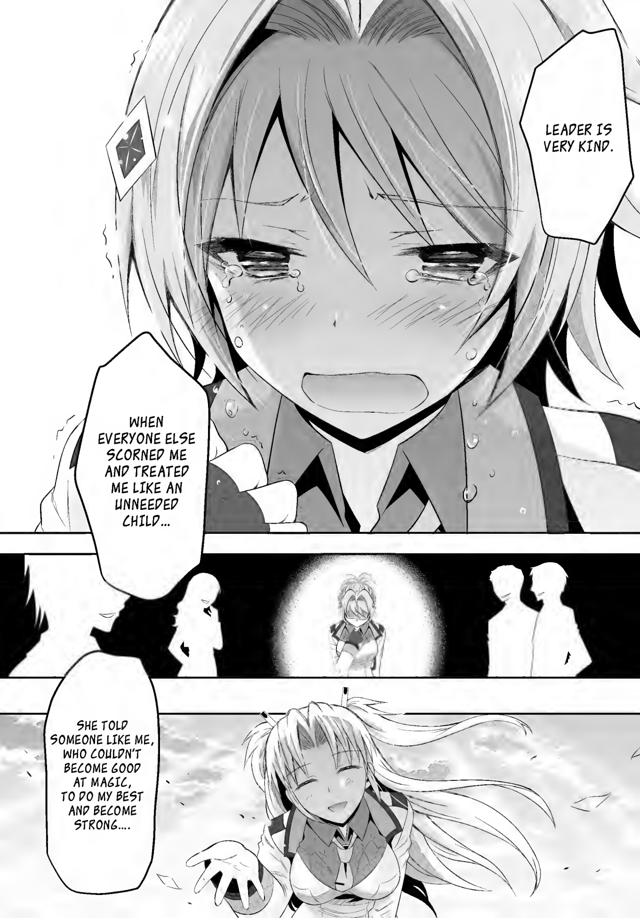
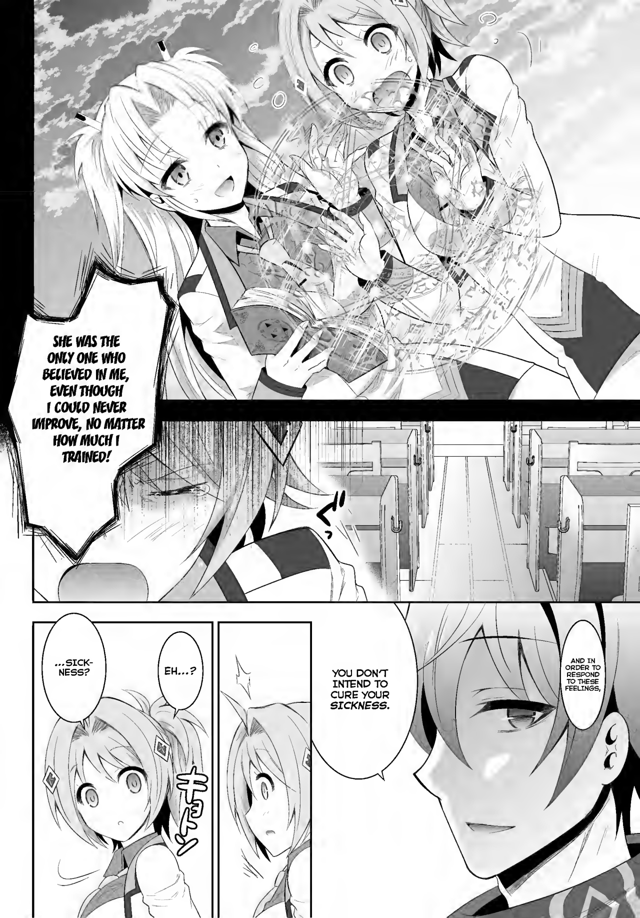
I WANT TO BECOME STRONG LIKE LEADER!
SHE'S ALWAYS SPARING TIME TO TRAIN WITH ME FOR MY SAKE!
SAYING SHE'S BAD EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING…
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU EVEN IF YOU'RE THE FIEND SUMMONER!


LEADER IS VERY KIND.
WHEN EVERYONE ELSE SCORNED ME AND TREATED ME LIKE AN UNNEEDED CHILD...
SHE TOLD SOMEONE LIKE ME, WHO COULDN'T BECOME GOOD AT MAGIC, TO DO MY BEST AND BECOME STRONG....


SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO BELIEVED IN ME, EVEN THOUGH I COULD NEVER IMPROVE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRAINED!
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AND IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THESE FEELINGS,
YOU DON'T INTEND TO CURE YOUR SICKNESS.
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...SICK-NESS?
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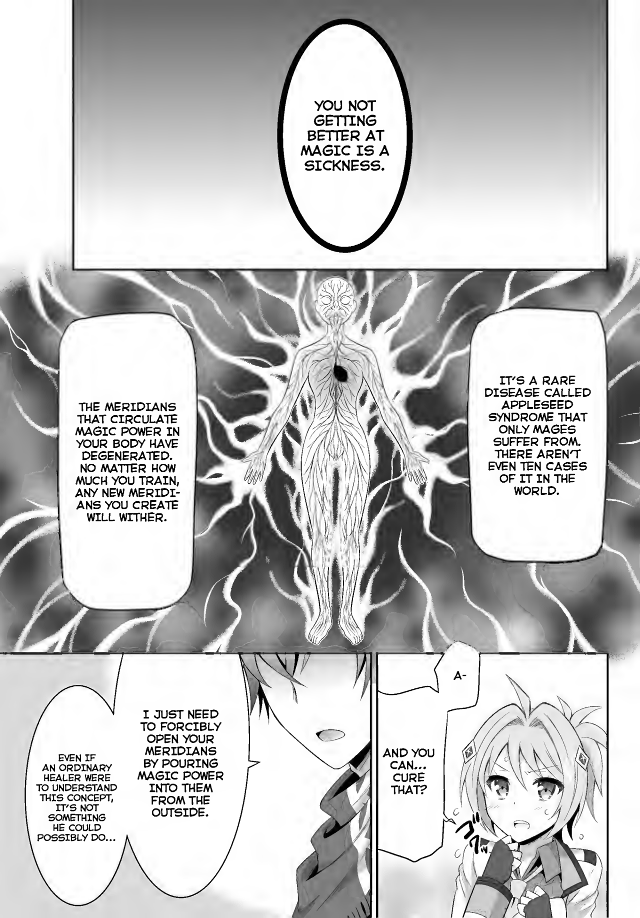
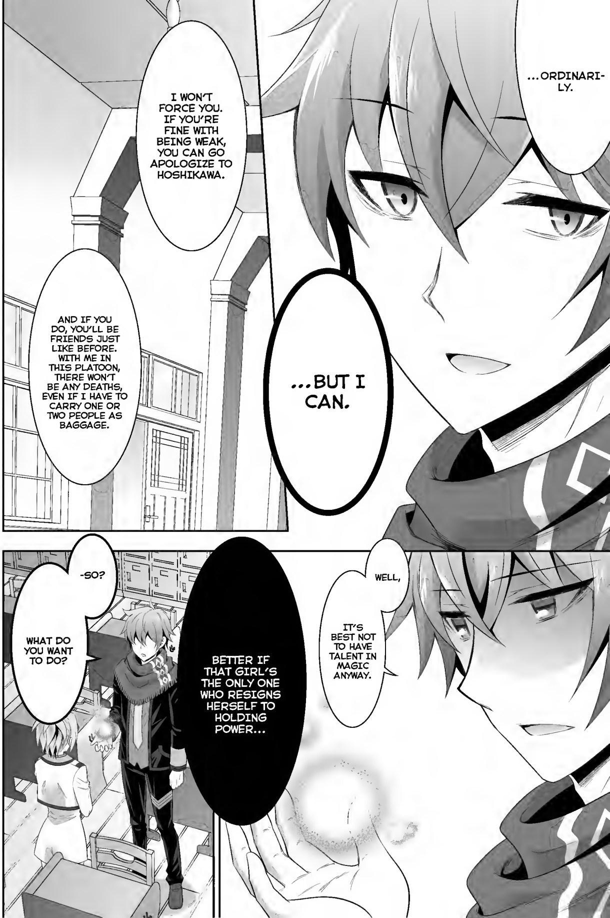
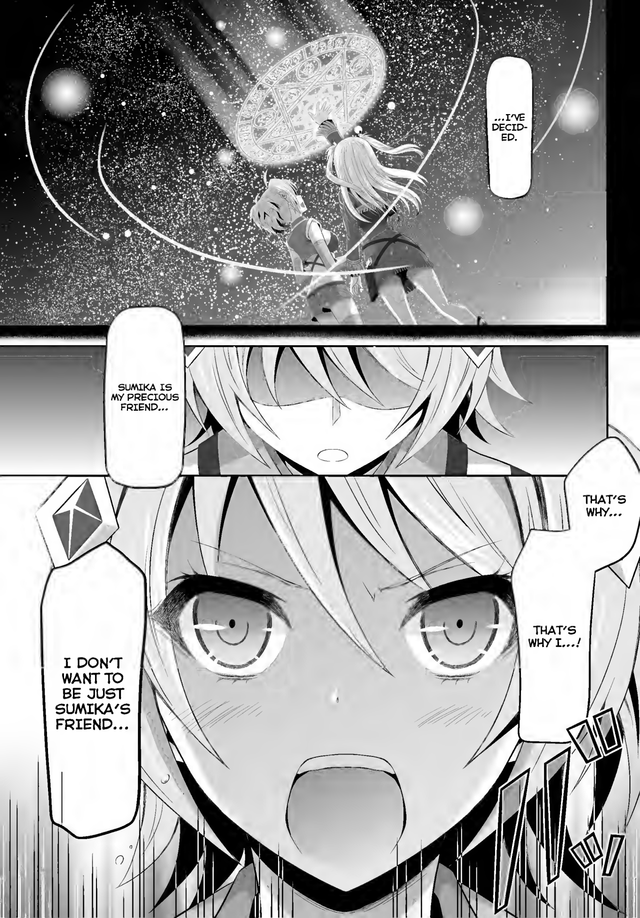
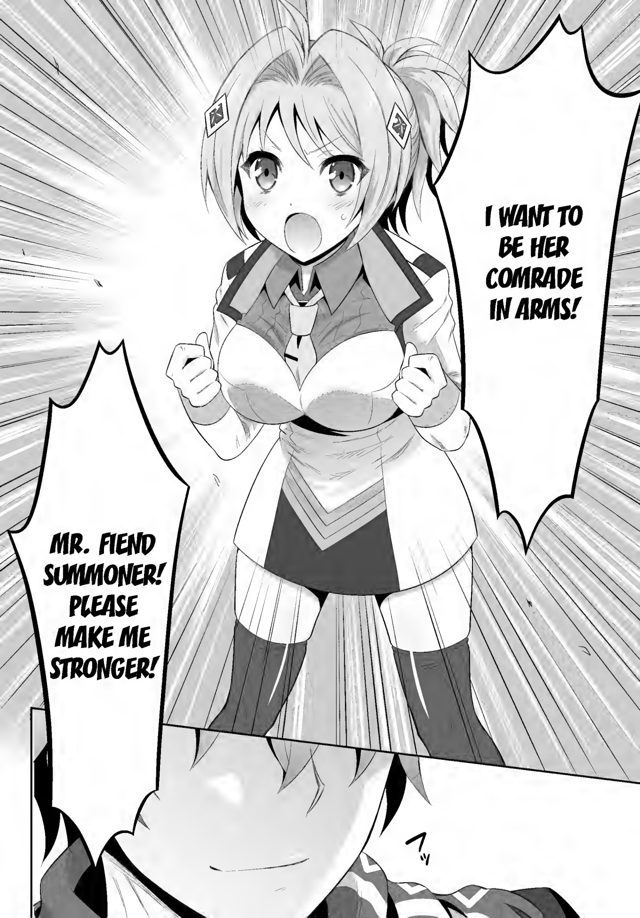

YOU NOT GETTING BETTER AT MAGIC IS A SICKNESS.
IT'S A RARE DISEASE CALLED APPLESEED SYNDROME THAT ONLY MAGES SUFFER FROM. THERE AREN'T EVEN TEN CASES OF IT IN THE WORLD.
THE MERIDIANS THAT CIRCULATE MAGIC POWER IN YOUR BODY HAVE DEGENERATED. NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRAIN, ANY NEW MERIDIANS YOU CREATE WILL WITHER.
A-
AND YOU CAN... CURE THAT?
I JUST NEED TO FORCIBLY OPEN YOUR MERIDIANS BY POURING MAGIC POWER INTO THEM FROM THE OUTSIDE.
EVEN IF AN ORDINARY HEALER WERE TO UNDERSTAND THIS CONCEPT, IT'S NOT SOMETHING HE COULD POSSIBLY DO...


...ORDINARILY.
...BUT I CAN.
I WON'T FORCE YOU. IF YOU'RE FINE WITH BEING WEAK, YOU CAN GO APOLOGIZE TO HOSHIKAWA.
AND IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BE FRIENDS JUST LIKE BEFORE. WITH ME IN THIS PLATOON, THERE WON'T BE ANY DEATHS, EVEN IF I HAVE TO CARRY ONE OR TWO PEOPLE AS BAGGAGE.
WELL,
IT'S BEST NOT TO HAVE TALENT IN MAGIC ANYWAY.
BETTER IF THAT GIRL'S THE ONLY ONE WHO RESIGNS HERSELF TO HOLDING POWER...
-SO?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?


...I'VE DECIDED.
SUMIKA IS MY PRECIOUS FRIEND...
THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S WHY I...!
I DON'T WANT TO BE JUST SUMIKA'S FRIEND...


I WANT TO BE HER COMRADE IN ARMS!
MR. FIEND SUMMONER! PLEASE MAKE ME STRONGER!
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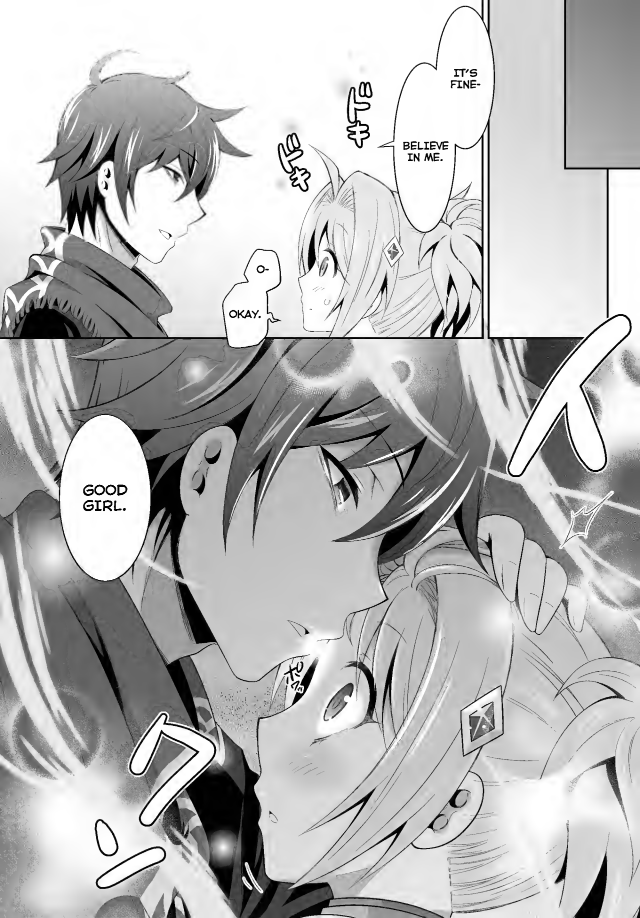
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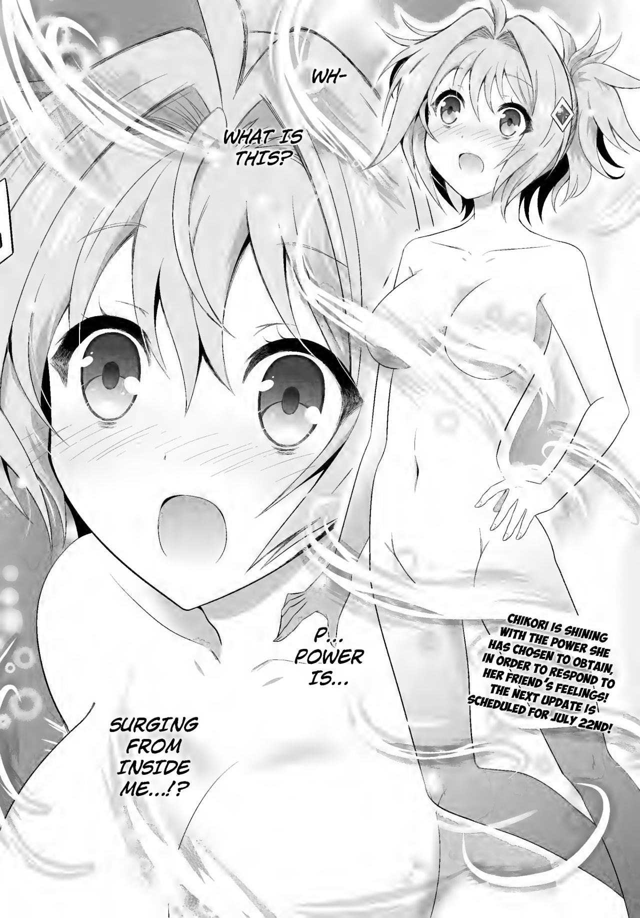
WH-
WHAT IS THIS?
P... POWER IS...
SURGING FROM INSIDE ME...!?

CHIKORI IS SHINING WITH THE POWER SHE HAS CHOSEN TO OBTAIN, IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO HER FRIEND'S FEELINGS! THE NEXT UPDATE IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22ND!

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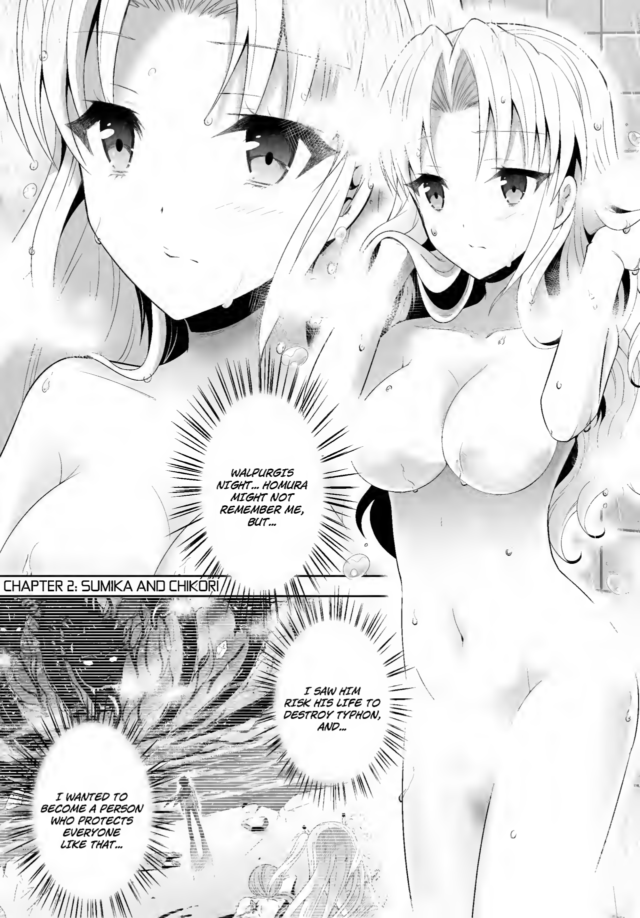
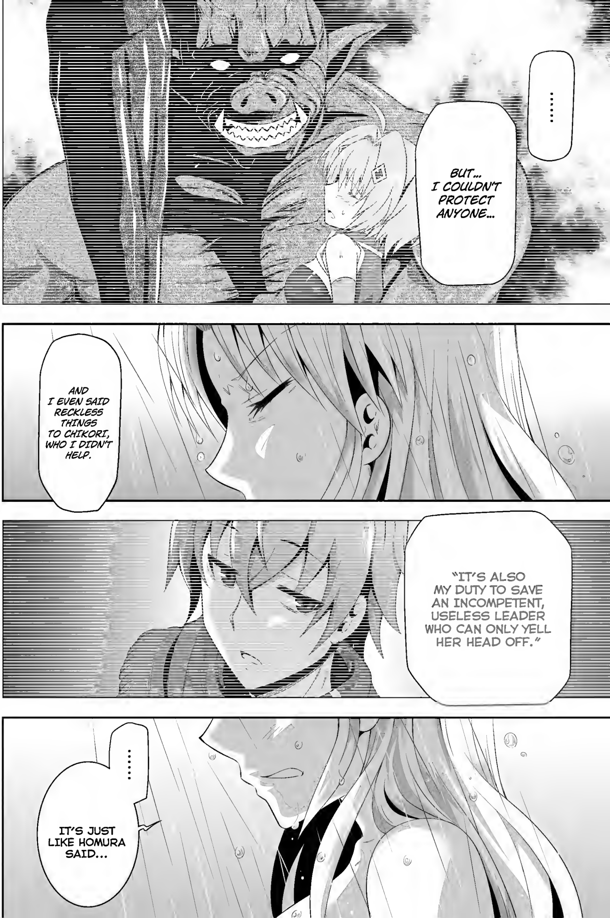

WALPURGIS NIGHT... HOMURA MIGHT NOT REMEMBER ME, BUT...
I SAW HIM RISK HIS LIFE TO DESTROY TYPHON, AND...
I WANTED TO BECOME A PERSON WHO PROTECTS EVERYONE LIKE THAT...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BUT… I COULDN'T PROTECT ANYONE…
AND I EVEN SAID RECKLESS THINGS TO CHIKORI, WHO I DIDN'T HELP.
"IT'S ALSO MY DUTY TO SAVE AN INCOMPETENT, USELESS LEADER WHO CAN ONLY YELL HER HEAD OFF."
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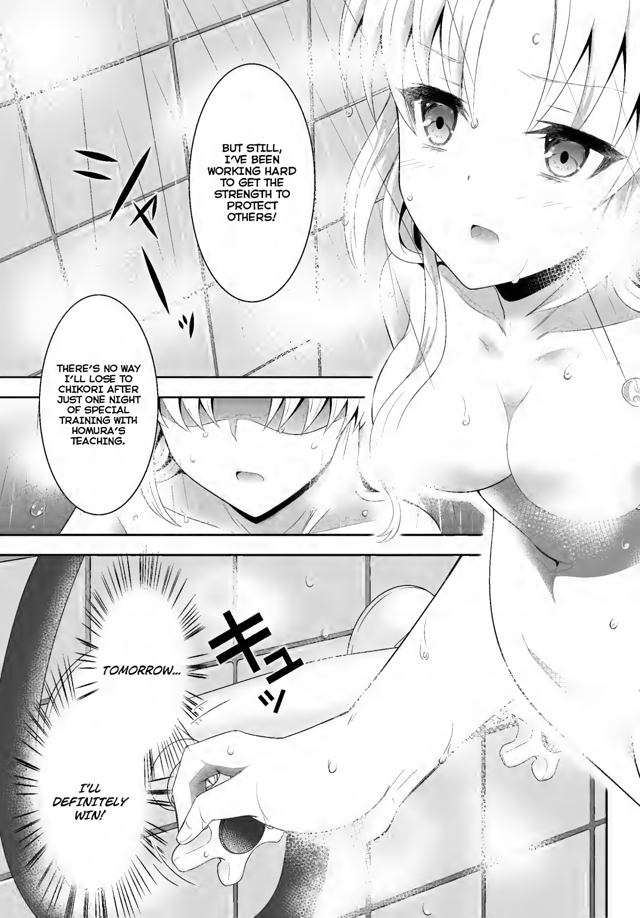
IT'S JUST LIKE HOMURA SAID…


BUT STILL, I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO GET THE STRENGTH TO PROTECT OTHERS!
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THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LOSE TO CHIKORI AFTER JUST ONE NIGHT OF SPECIAL TRAINING WITH HOMURA'S TEACHING.
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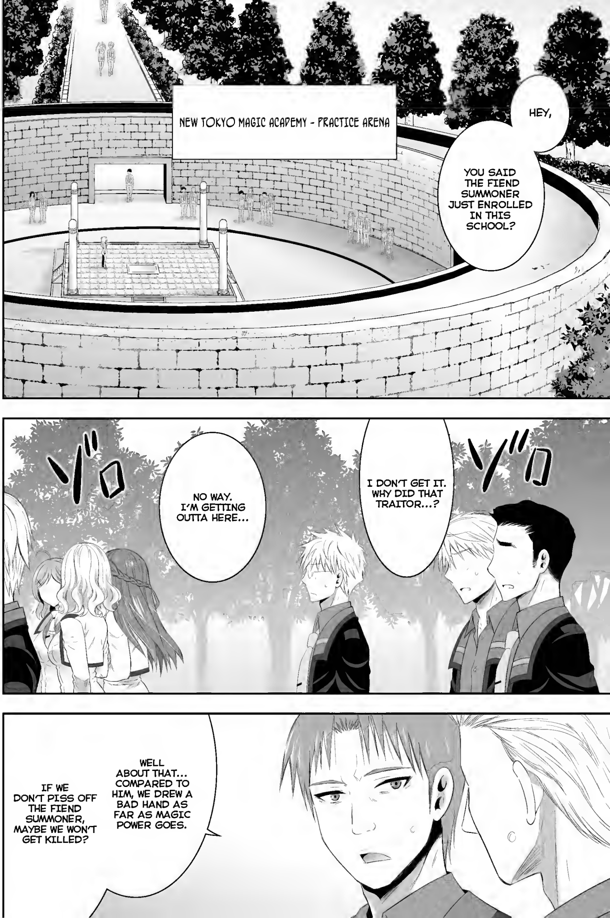
TOMORROW...
I'LL DEFINITELY WIN!


NEW TOKYO MAGIC ACADEMY - PRACTICE ARENA
HEY,
YOU SAID THE FIEND SUMMONER JUST ENROLLED IN THIS SCHOOL?
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I DON'T GET IT. WHY DID THAT TRAITOR...?
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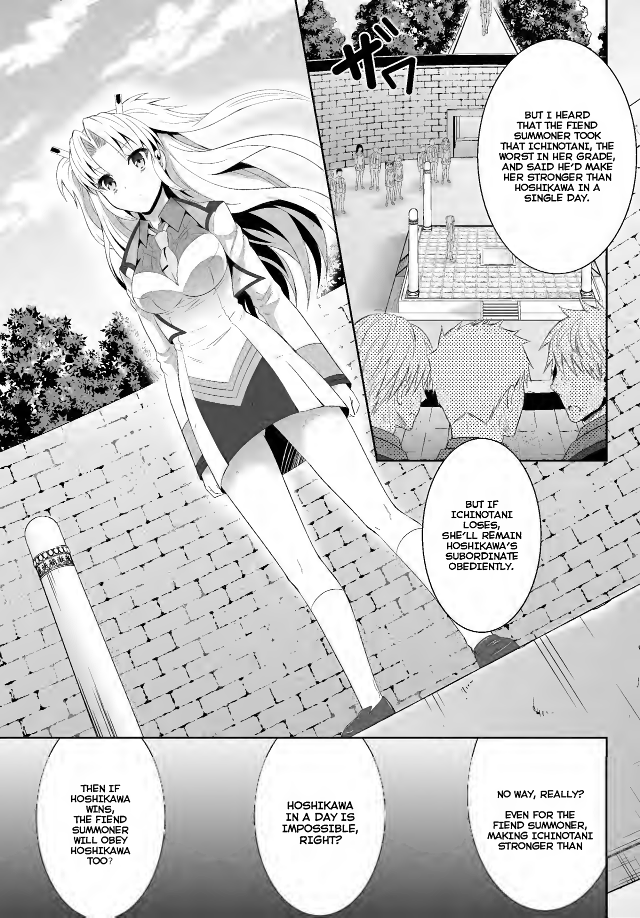
NO WAY. I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE...
WELL ABOUT THAT... COMPARED TO HIM, WE DREW A BAD HAND AS FAR AS MAGIC POWER GOES.
IF WE DON'T PISS OFF THE FIEND SUMMONER, MAYBE WE WON'T GET KILLED?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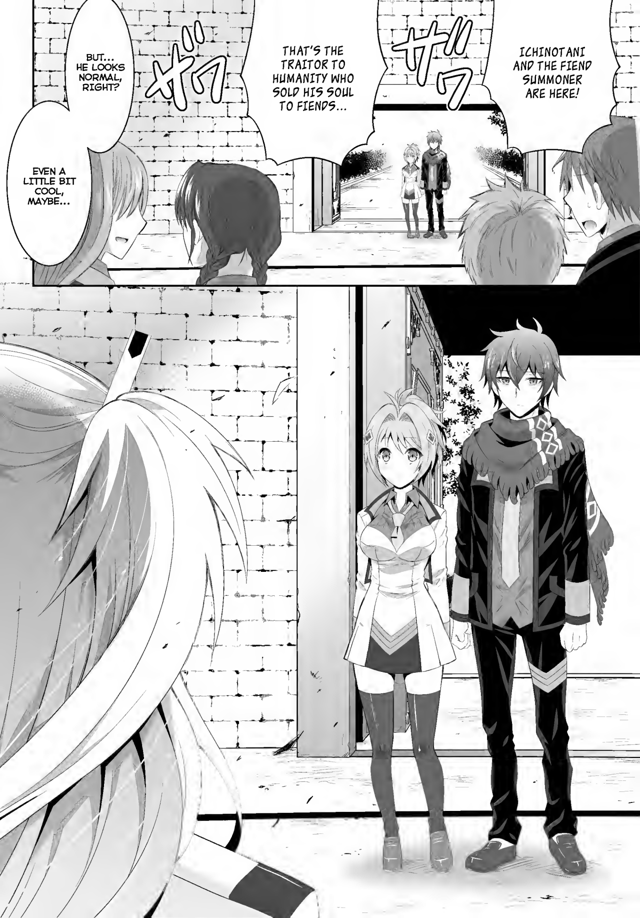
BUT I HEARD THAT THE FIEND SUMMONER TOOK THAT ICHINOTANI, THE WORST IN HER GRADE, AND SAID HE'D MAKE HER STRONGER THAN HOSHIKAWA IN A SINGLE DAY.
BUT IF ICHINOTANI LOSES, SHE'LL REMAIN HOSHIKAWA'S SUBORDINATE OBEDIENTLY.
NO WAY, REALLY? EVEN FOR THE FIEND SUMMONER, MAKING ICHINOTANI STRONGER THAN
HOSHIKAWA IN A DAY IS IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT?
THEN IF HOSHIKAWA WINS, THE FIEND SUMMONER WILL OBEY HOSHIKAWA TOO?


ICHINOTANI AND THE FIEND SUMMONER ARE HERE!
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THAT'S THE TRAITOR TO HUMANITY WHO SOLD HIS SOUL TO FIENDS...
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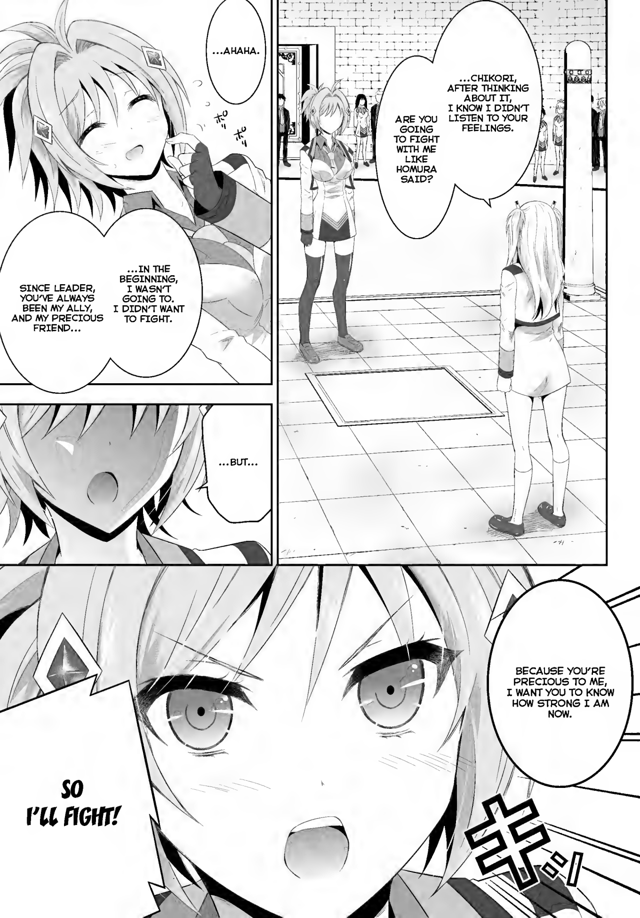
BUT... HE LOOKS NORMAL, RIGHT?
EVEN A LITTLE BIT COOL, MAYBE...


...CHIKORI, AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT, I KNOW I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOUR FEELINGS.
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT WITH ME LIKE HOMURA SAID?
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...IN THE BEGINNING, I WASN'T GOING TO. I DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT.
SINCE LEADER, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN MY ALLY, AND MY PRECIOUS FRIEND...
...BUT...
BECAUSE YOU'RE PRECIOUS TO ME, I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW STRONG I AM NOW.
SO I'LL FIGHT!
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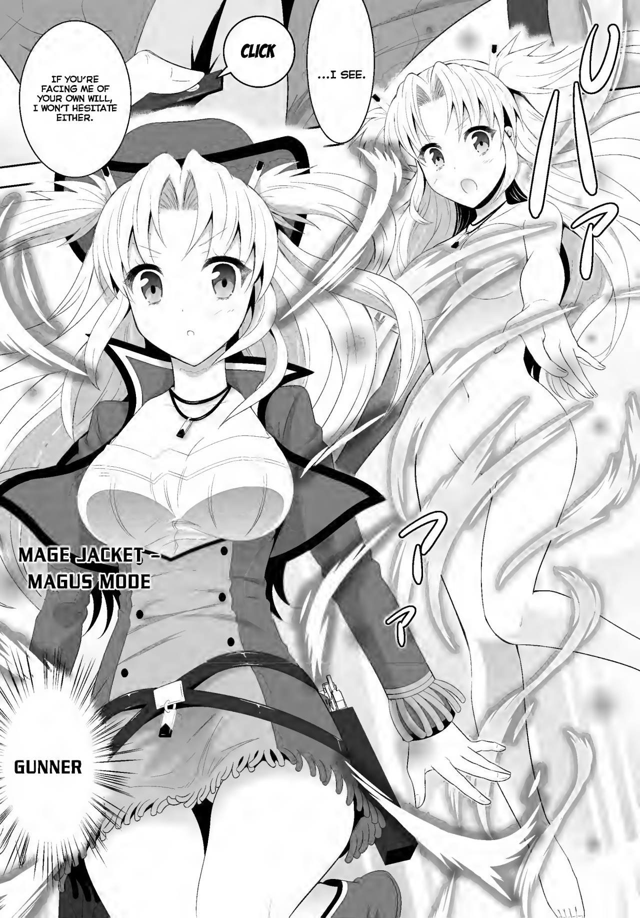
...I SEE.
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IF YOU'RE FACING ME OF YOUR OWN WILL, I WON'T HESITATE EITHER.
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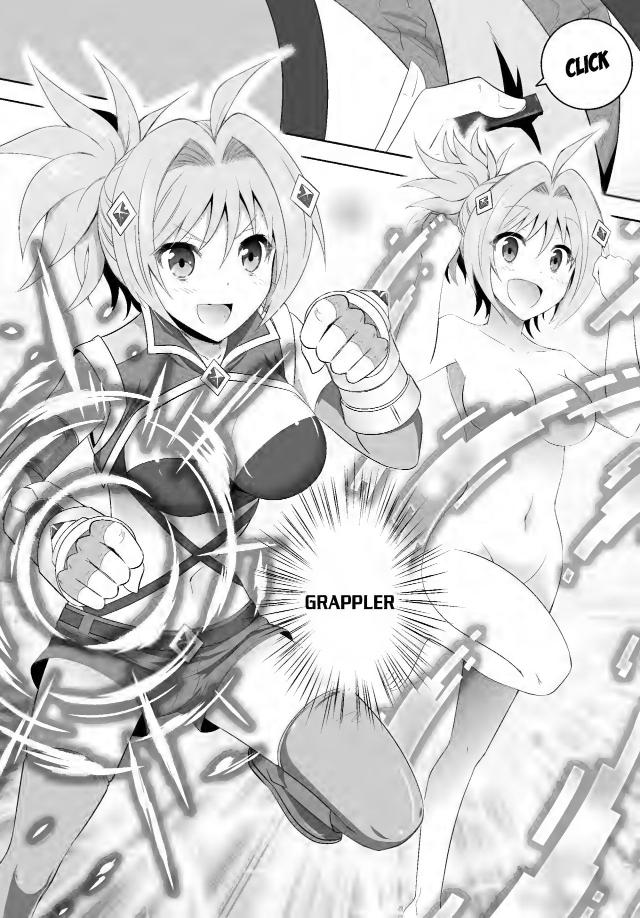
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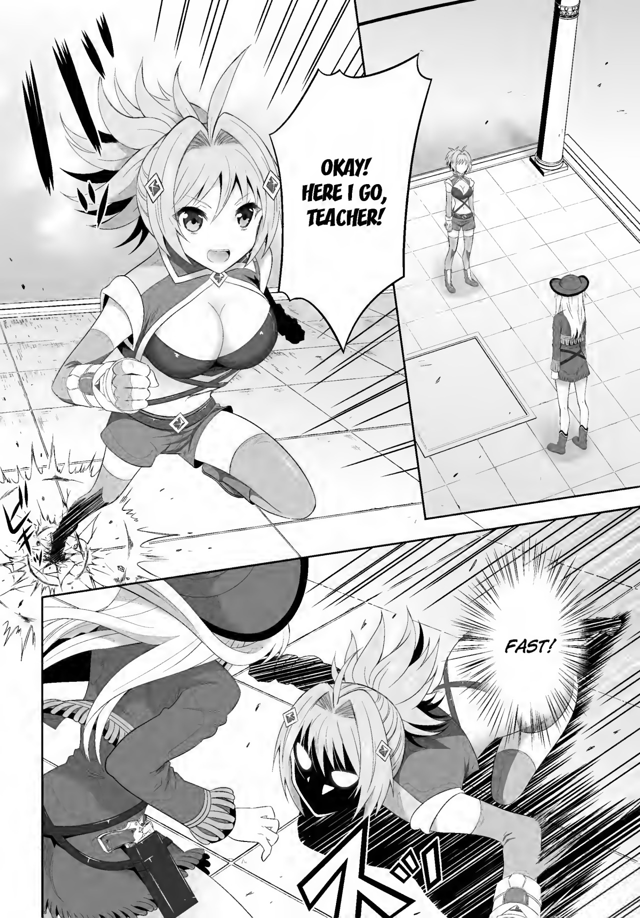
OKAY! HERE I GO, TEACHER!
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FAST!
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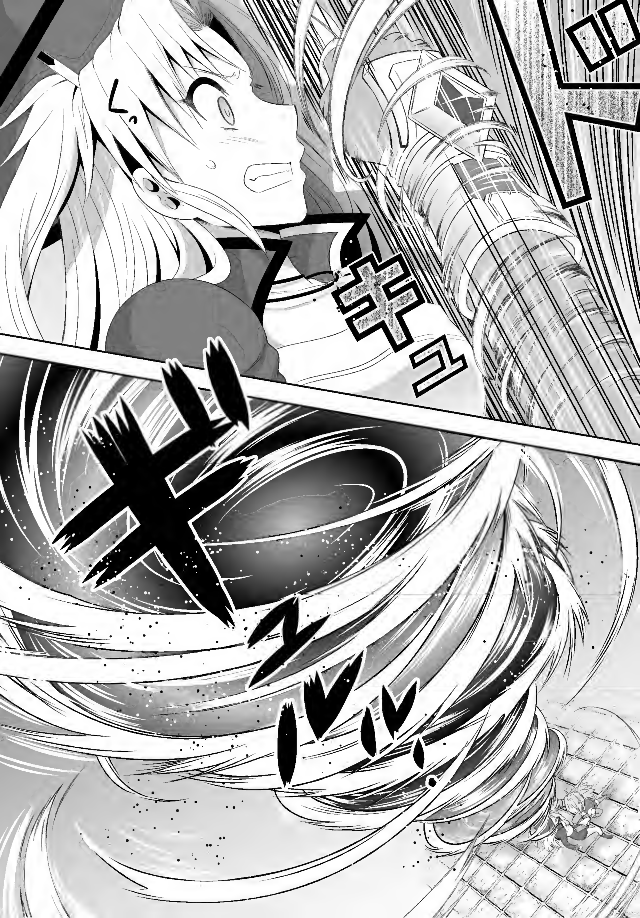
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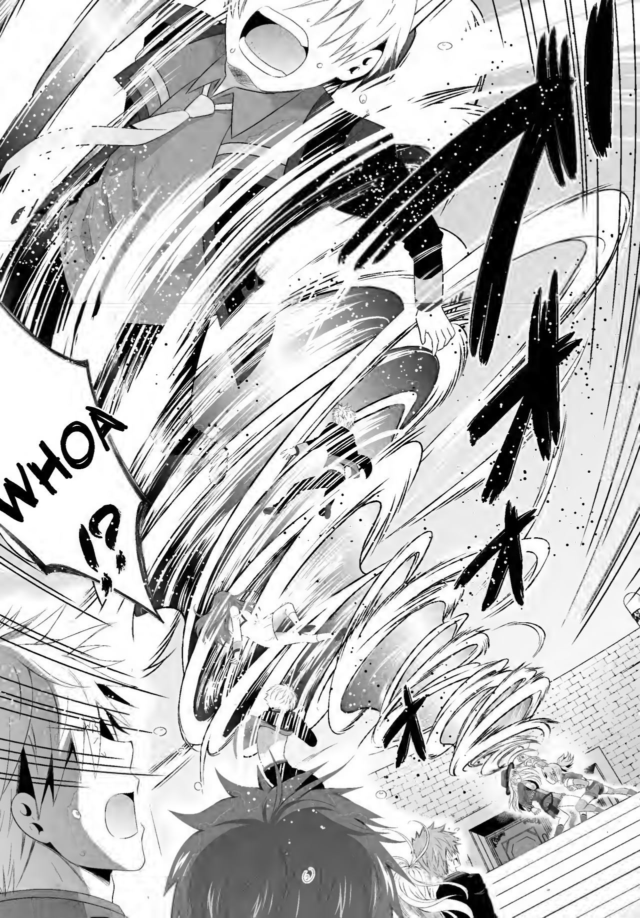
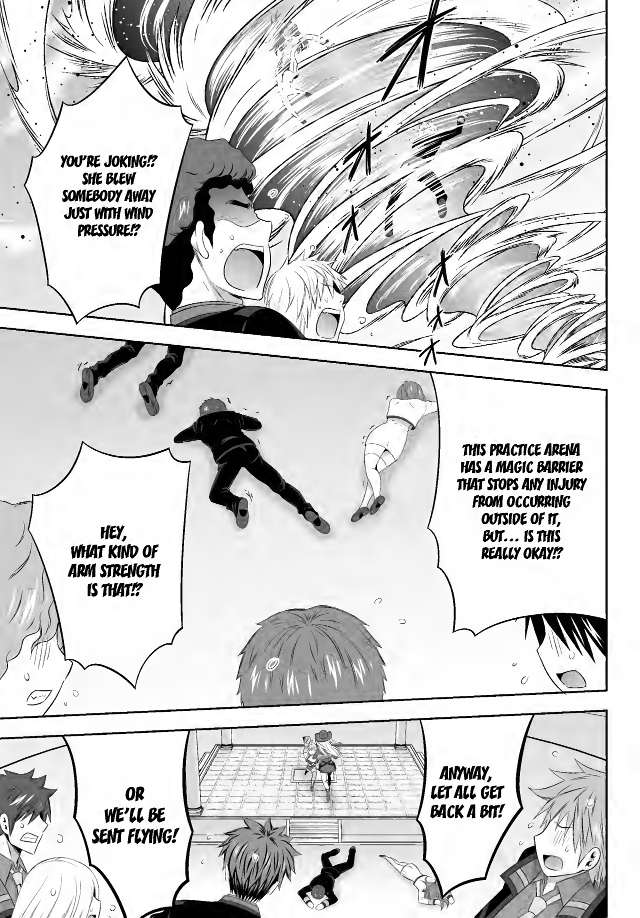
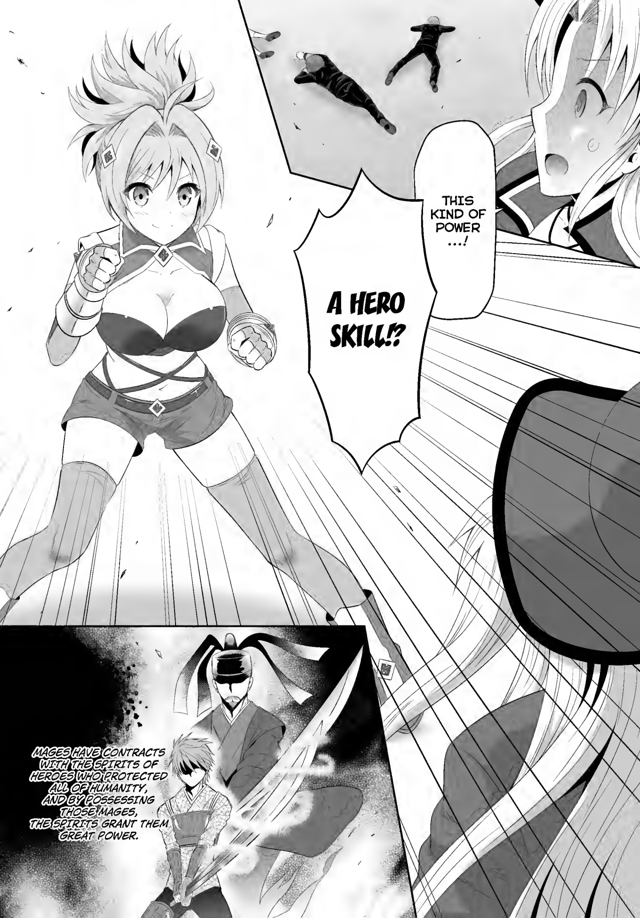
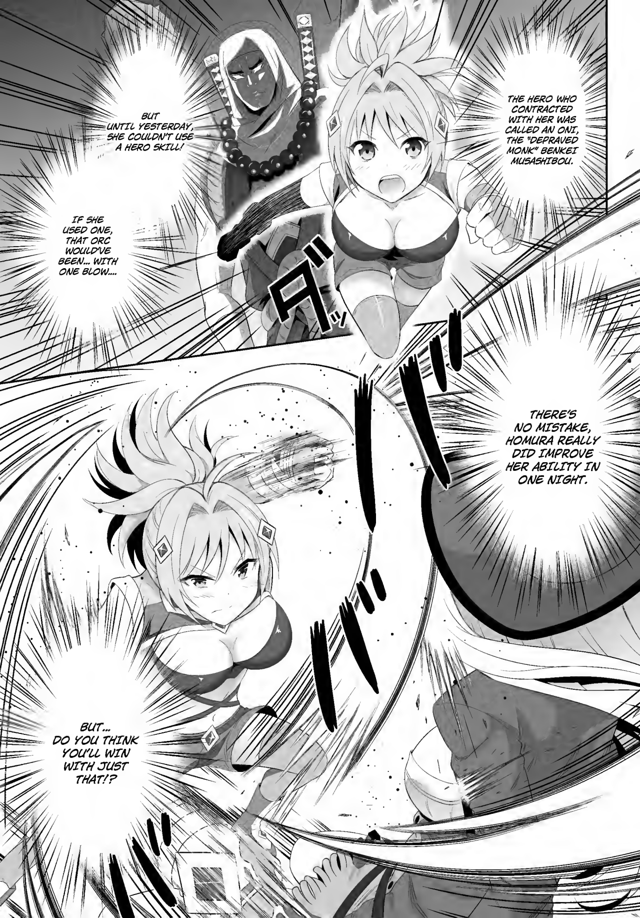

WHOA!?


YOU'RE JOKING!? SHE BLEW SOMEBODY AWAY JUST WITH WIND PRESSURE!?
THIS PRACTICE ARENA HAS A MAGIC BARRIER THAT STOPS ANY INJURY FROM OCCURRING OUTSIDE OF IT, BUT… IS THIS REALLY OKAY!?
HEY, WHAT KIND OF ARM STRENGTH IS THAT!?
ANYWAY, LET ALL GET BACK A BIT!
OR WE'LL BE SENT FLYING!


THIS KIND OF POWER ...!
A HERO SKILL!?
MAGES HAVE CONTRACTS WITH THE SPIRITS OF HEROES WHO PROTECTED ALL OF HUMANITY, AND BY POSSESSING THOSE MAGES, THE SPIRITS GRANT THEM GREAT POWER.


THE HERO WHO CONTRACTED WITH HER WAS CALLED AN ONI, THE "DEPRAVED MONK" BENKEI MUSASHIBOU.
BUT UNTIL YESTERDAY, SHE COULDN'T USE A HERO SKILL!
IF SHE USED ONE, THAT ORC WOULD'VE BEEN... WITH ONE BLOW....
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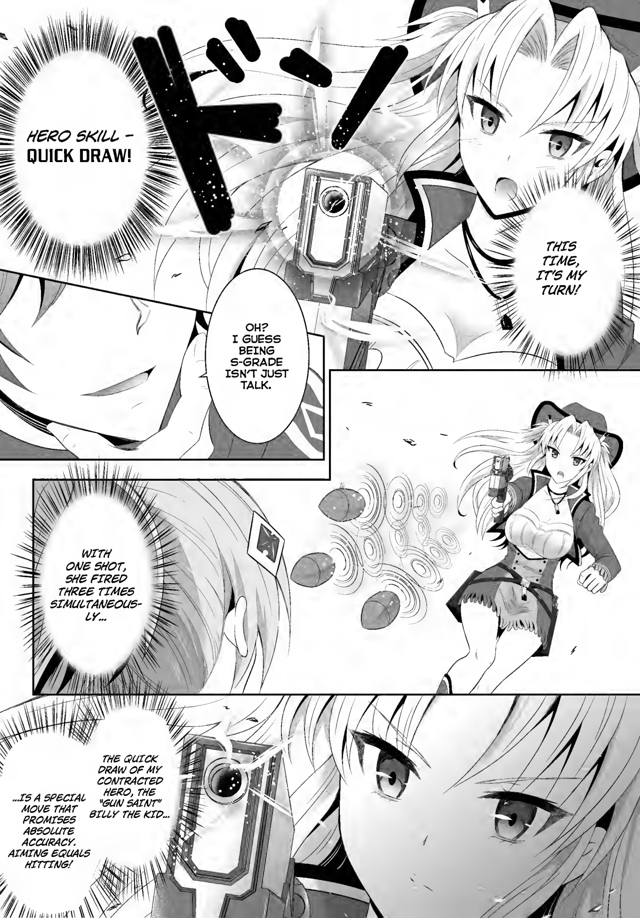
THERE'S NO MISTAKE, HOMURA REALLY DID IMPROVE HER ABILITY IN ONE NIGHT.
BUT... DO YOU THINK YOU'LL WIN WITH JUST THAT!?


THIS TIME, IT'S MY TURN!
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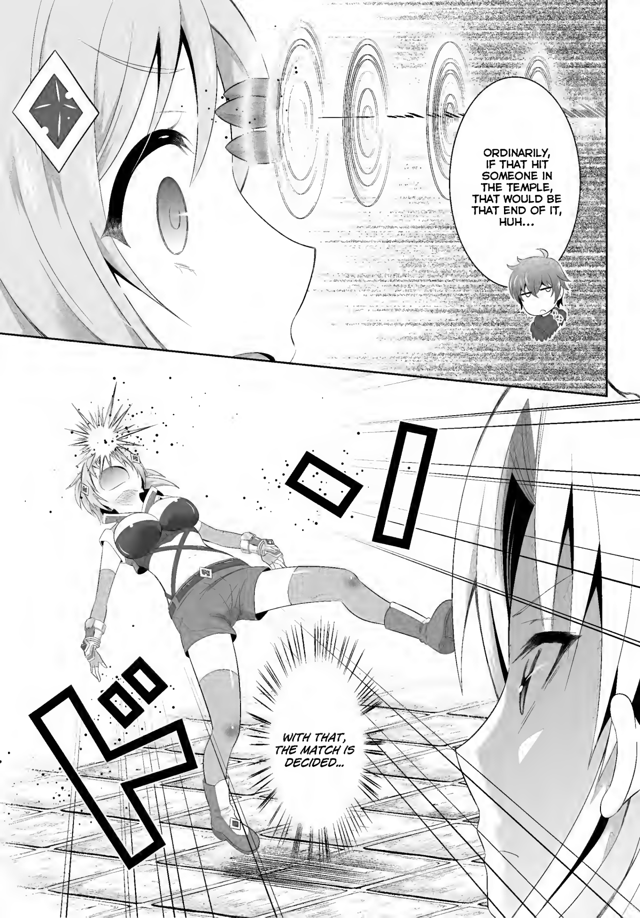
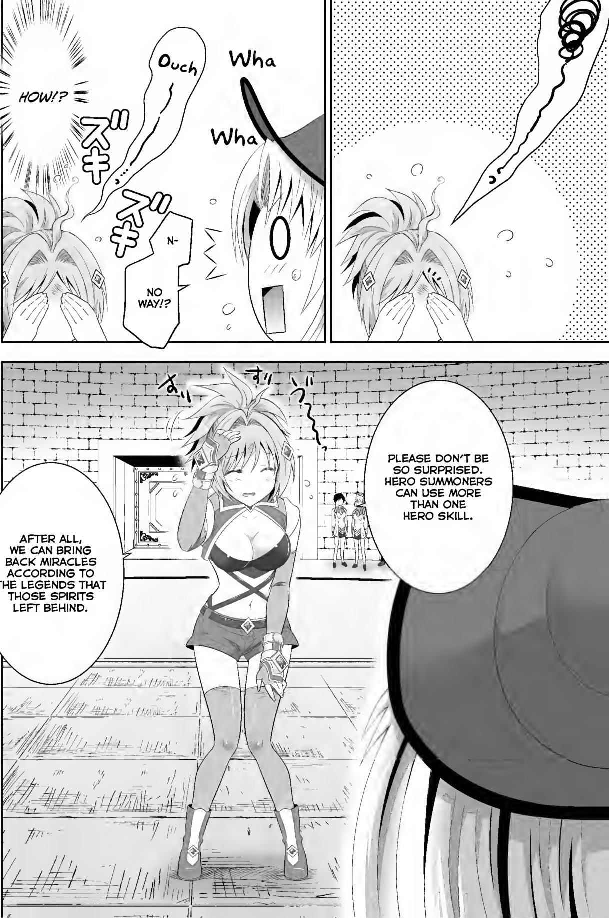
HERO SKILL – QUICK DRAW!
OH? I GUESS BEING S-GRADE ISN'T JUST TALK.
WITH ONE SHOT, SHE FIRED THREE TIMES SIMULTANEOUSLY...
THE QUICK DRAW OF MY CONTRACTED HERO, THE "GUN SAINT" BILLY THE KID...
...IS A SPECIAL MOVE THAT PROMISES ABSOLUTE ACCURACY. AIMING EQUALS HITTING!


ORDINARILY, IF THAT HIT SOMEONE IN THE TEMPLE, THAT WOULD BE THAT END OF IT, HUH...
WITH THAT, THE MATCH IS DECIDED...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NO WAY!?
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HOW!?
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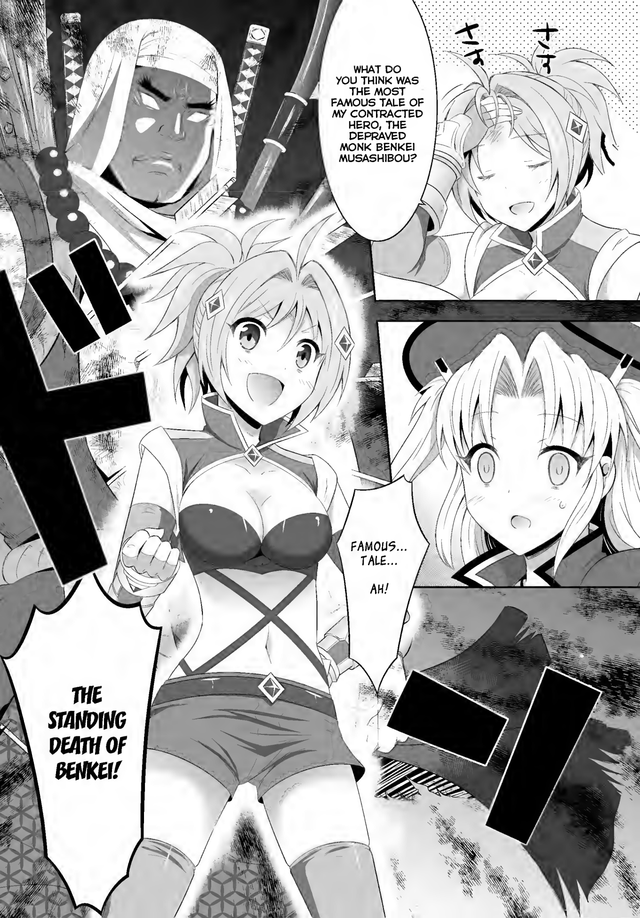
PLEASE DON'T BE SO SURPRISED. HERO SUMMONERS CAN USE MORE THAN ONE HERO SKILL.
AFTER ALL, WE CAN BRING BACK MIRACLES ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS THAT THOSE SPIRITS LEFT BEHIND.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WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE MOST FAMOUS TALE OF MY CONTRACTED HERO, THE DEPRAVED MONK BENKEI MUSASHIBOU?
FAMOUS... TALE... AH!
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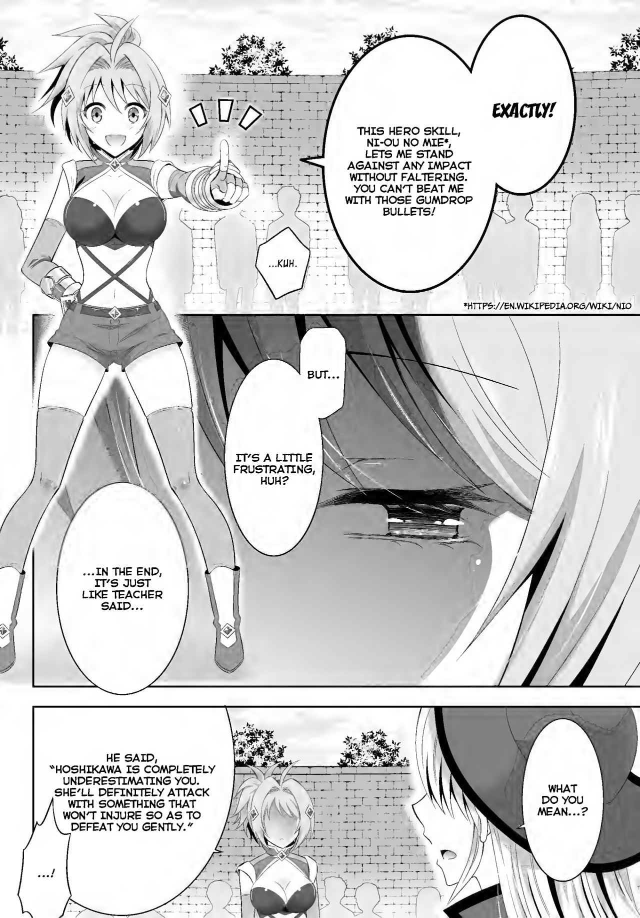
THE STANDING DEATH OF BENKEI!


EXACTLY!
THIS HERO SKILL, NI-OU NO MIE*, LETS ME STAND AGAINST ANY IMPACT WITHOUT FALTERING. YOU CAN'T BEAT ME WITH THOSE GUMDROP BULLETS!
...KUH.
BUT...
IT'S A LITTLE FRUSTRATING, HUH?
...IN THE END, IT'S JUST LIKE TEACHER SAID...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
HE SAID, "HOSHIKAWA IS COMPLETELY UNDERESTIMATING YOU. SHE'LL DEFINITELY ATTACK WITH SOMETHING THAT WON'T INJURE SO AS TO DEFEAT YOU GENTLY."
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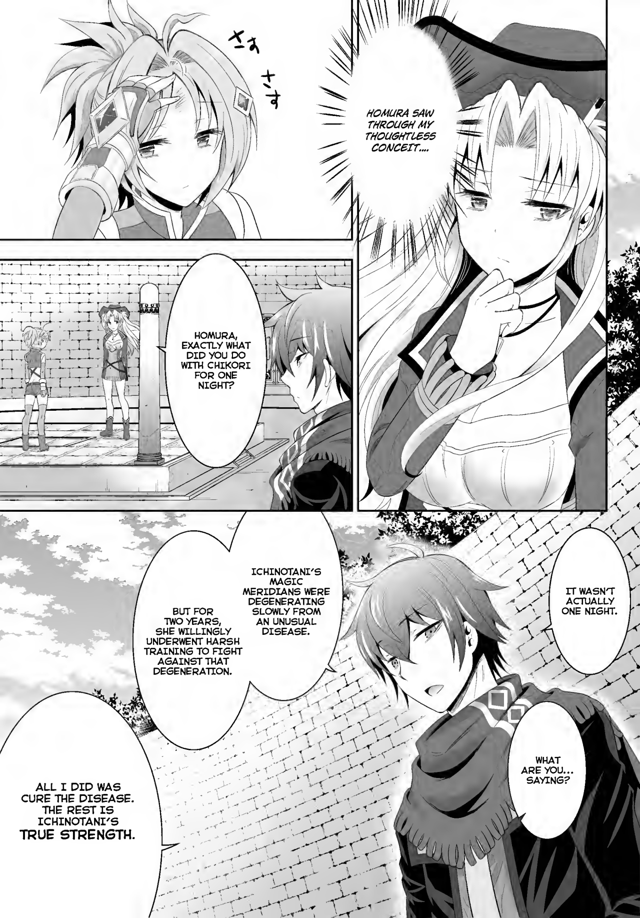
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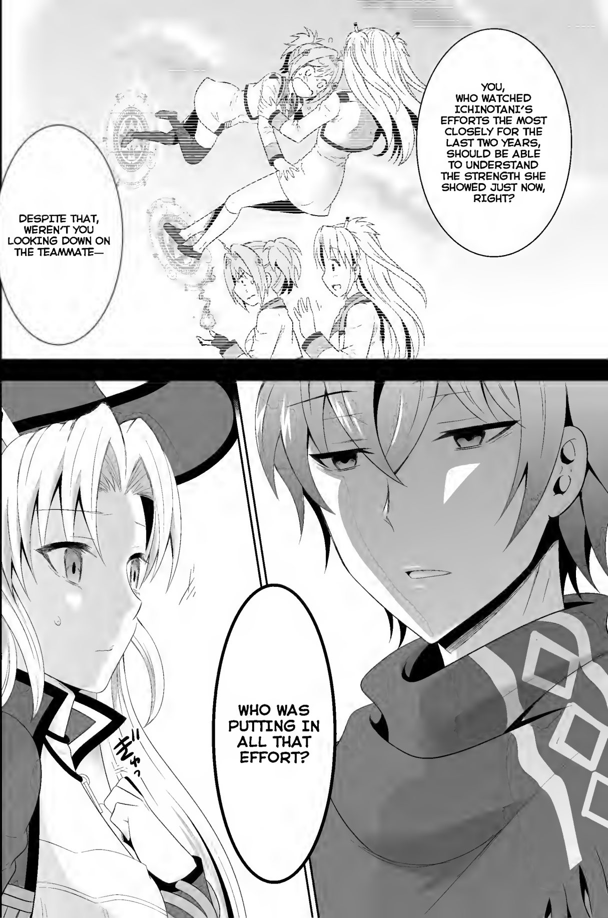
HOMURA SAW THROUGH MY THOUGHTLESS CONCEIT....
HOMURA, EXACTLY WHAT DID YOU DO WITH CHIKORI FOR ONE NIGHT?
IT WASN'T ACTUALLY ONE NIGHT.
ICHINOTANI'S MAGIC MERIDIANS WERE DEGENERATING SLOWLY FROM AN UNUSUAL DISEASE.
BUT FOR TWO YEARS, SHE WILLINGLY UNDERWENT HARSH TRAINING TO FIGHT AGAINST THAT DEGENERATION.
WHAT ARE YOU... SAYING?
ALL I DID WAS CURE THE DISEASE. THE REST IS ICHINOTANI'S **TRUE STRENGTH.**


YOU, WHO WATCHED ICHINOTANI'S EFFORTS THE MOST CLOSELY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE STRENGTH SHE SHOWED JUST NOW, RIGHT?
DESPITE THAT, WEREN'T YOU LOOKING DOWN ON THE TEAMMATE—
WHO WAS PUTTING IN ALL THAT EFFORT?
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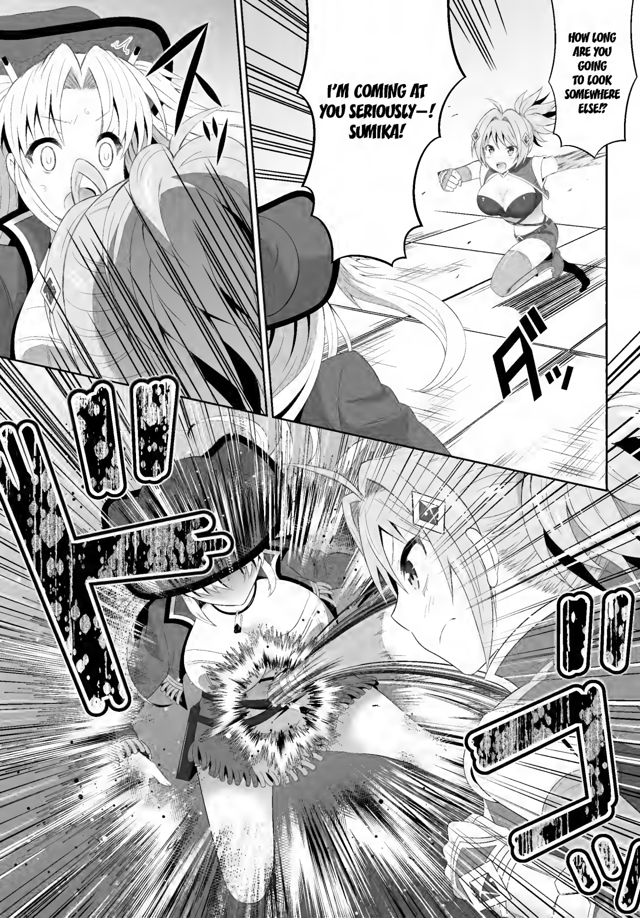
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE!?
I'M COMING AT YOU SERIOUSLY—! SUMIKA!
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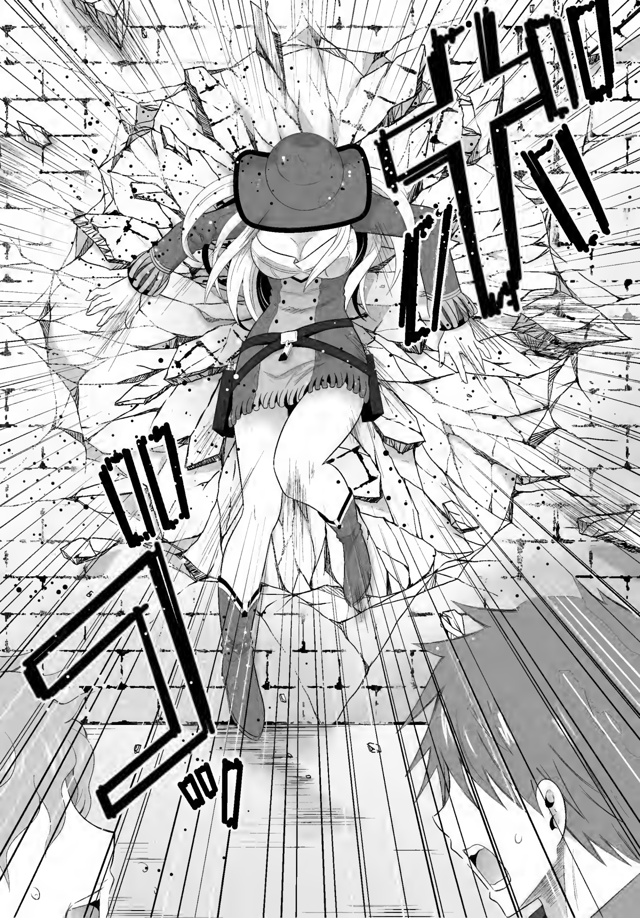
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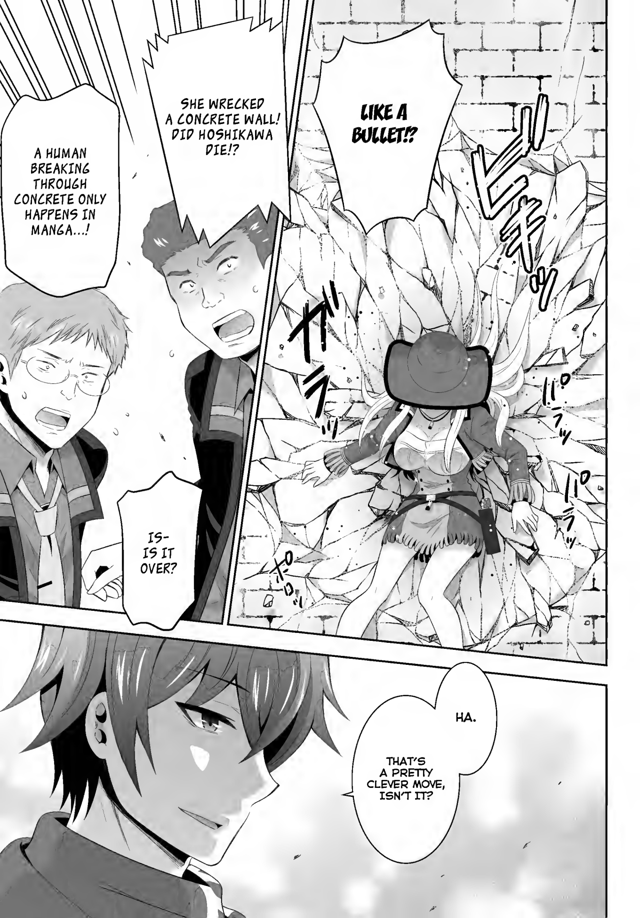
LIKE A BULLET!?
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SHE WRECKED A CONCRETE WALL! DID HOSHIKAWA DIE!?
A HUMAN BREAKING THROUGH CONCRETE ONLY HAPPENS IN MANGA...!
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IS- IS IT OVER?
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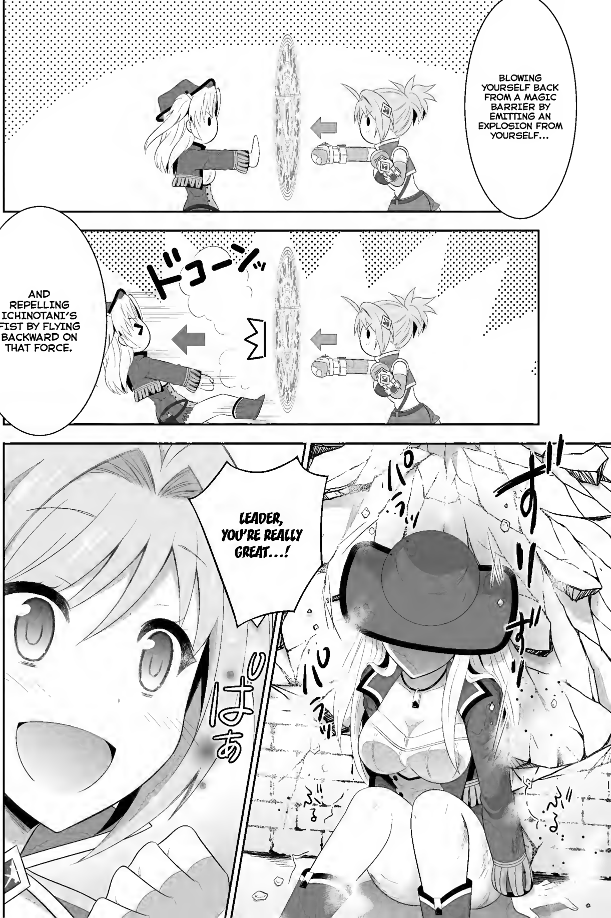
THAT'S A PRETTY CLEVER MOVE, ISN'T IT?


BLOWING YOURSELF BACK FROM A MAGIC BARRIER BY EMITTING AN EXPLOSION FROM YOURSELF...
AND REPELLING ICHINOTANI'S FIST BY FLYING BACKWARD ON THAT FORCE.
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LEADER, YOU'RE REALLY GREAT...!
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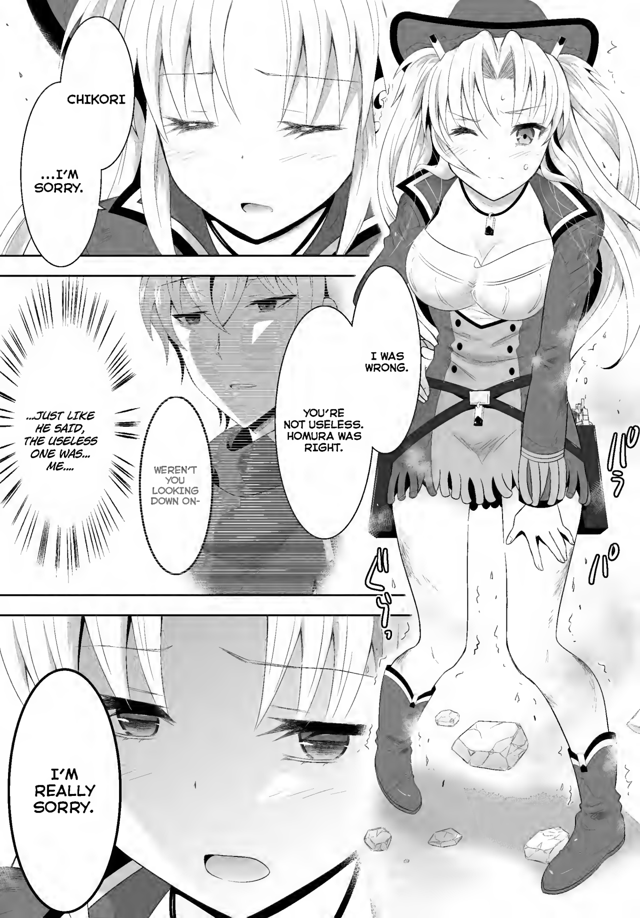
CHIKORI ...I'M SORRY.
I WAS WRONG. YOU'RE NOT USELESS. HOMURA WAS RIGHT.
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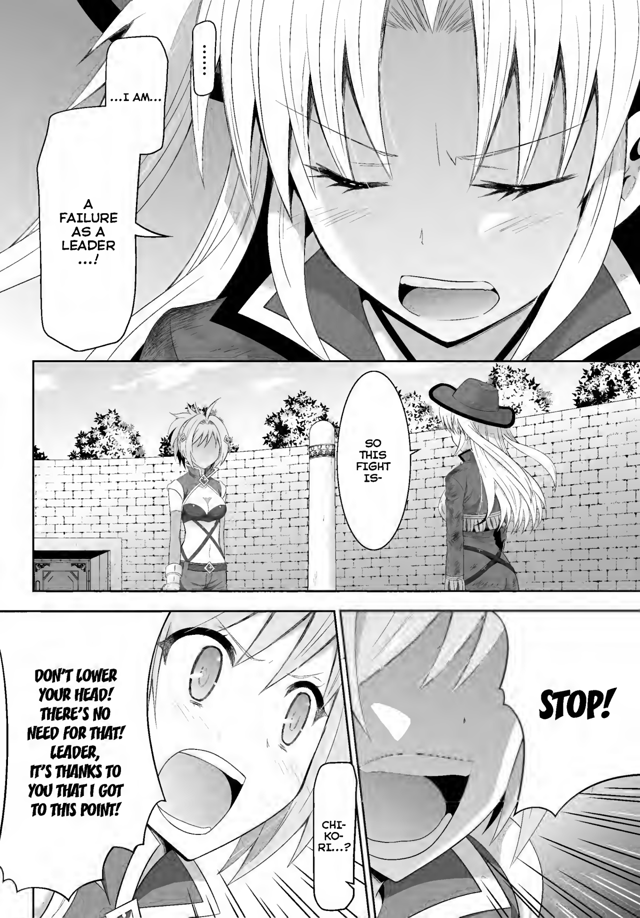
WEREN'T YOU LOOKING DOWN ON-
...JUST LIKE HE SAID, THE USELESS ONE WAS... ME....
I'M REALLY SORRY.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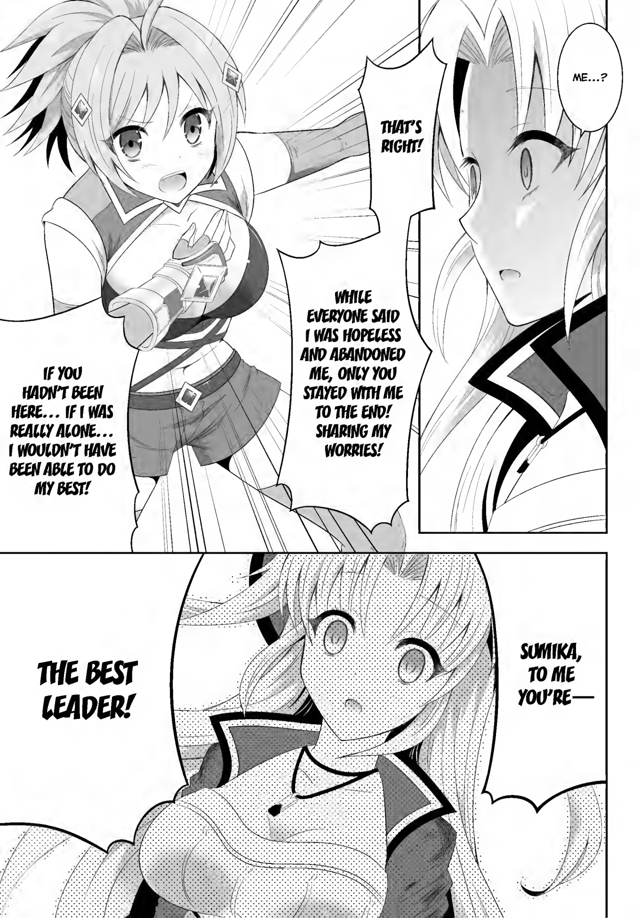
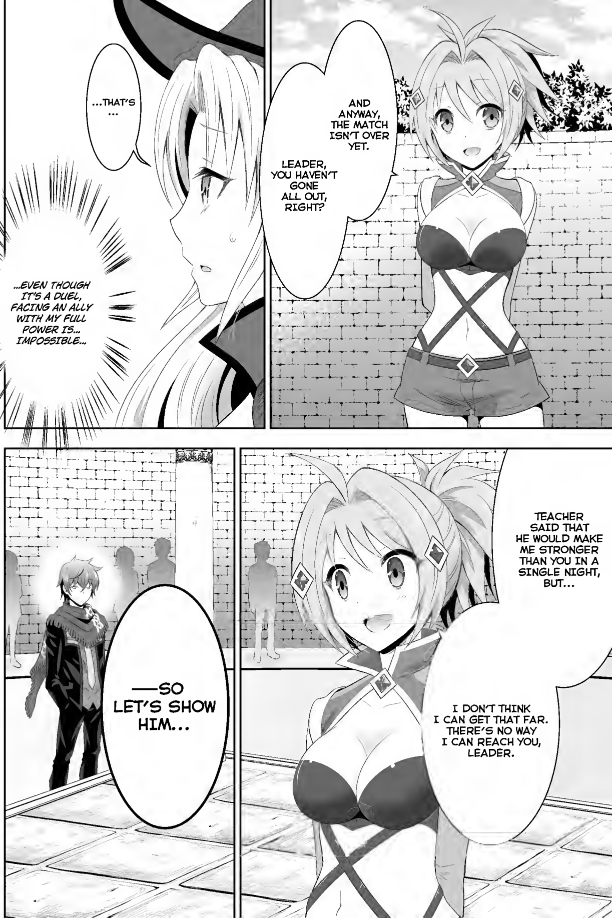
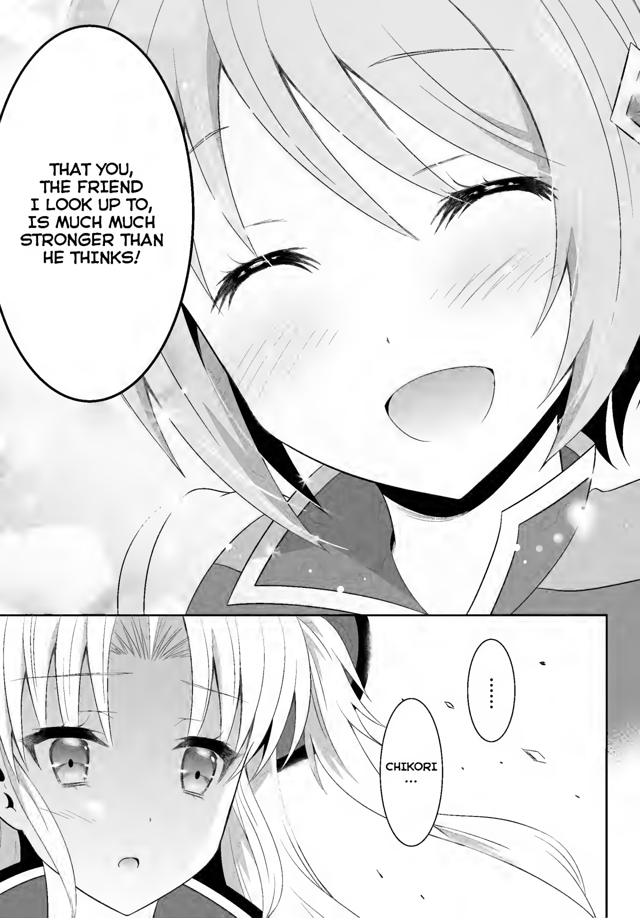
...I AM... A FAILURE AS A LEADER...!
SO THIS FIGHT IS-
STOP!
CHI-KO-RI...?
DON'T LOWER YOUR HEAD! THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT! LEADER, IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I GOT TO THIS POINT!


ME...?
THAT'S RIGHT!
WHILE EVERYONE SAID I WAS HOPELESS AND ABANDONED ME, ONLY YOU STAYED WITH ME TO THE END! SHARING MY WORRIES!
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN HERE... IF I WAS REALLY ALONE... I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO MY BEST!
SUMIKA, TO ME YOU'RE—
THE BEST LEADER!


AND ANYWAY, THE MATCH ISN'T OVER YET.
LEADER, YOU HAVEN'T GONE ALL OUT, RIGHT?
...THAT'S ...
...EVEN THOUGH IT'S A DUEL, FACING AN ALLY WITH MY FULL POWER IS... IMPOSSIBLE...
TEACHER SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE ME STRONGER THAN YOU IN A SINGLE NIGHT, BUT...
I DON'T THINK I CAN GET THAT FAR. THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REACH YOU, LEADER.
—SO LET'S SHOW HIM...


THAT YOU, THE FRIEND I LOOK UP TO, IS MUCH MUCH STRONGER THAN HE THINKS!
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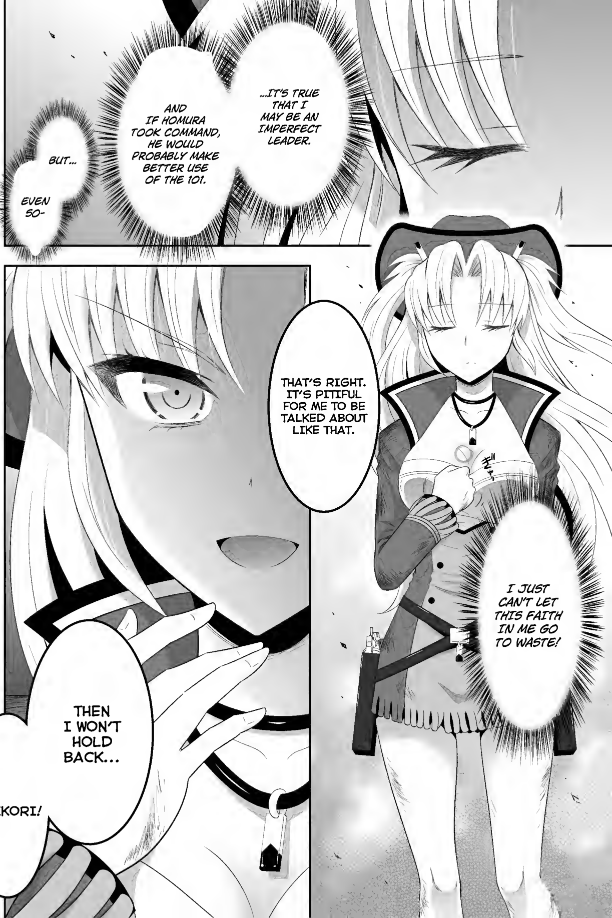
CHIKORI ...


...IT'S TRUE THAT I MAY BE AN IMPERFECT LEADER.
AND IF HOMURA TOOK COMMAND, HE WOULD PROBABLY MAKE BETTER USE OF THE 101.
BUT... EVEN SO-
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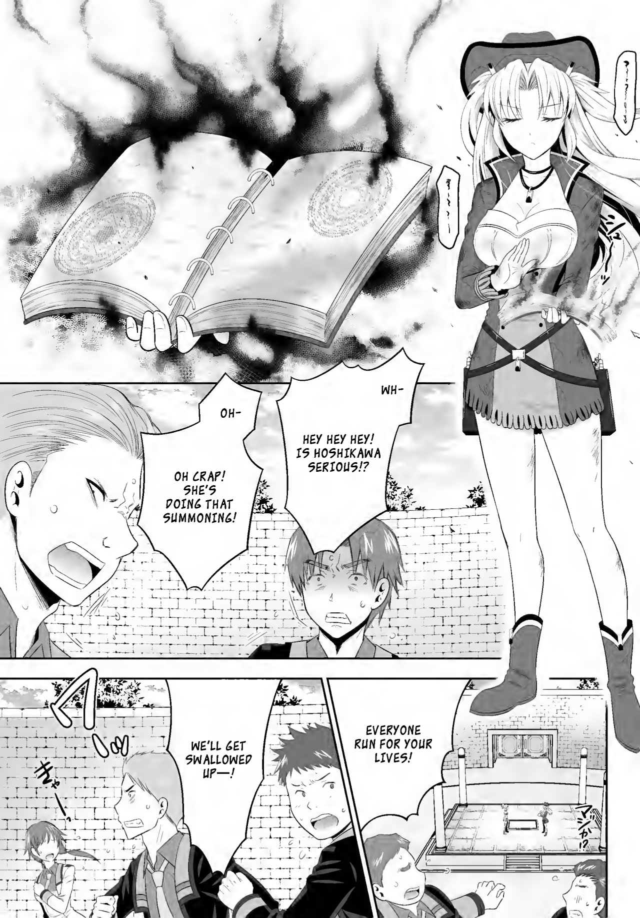
I JUST CAN'T LET THIS FAITH IN ME GO TO WASTE!
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S PITIFUL FOR ME TO BE TALKED ABOUT LIKE THAT.
THEN I WON'T HOLD BACK...
CHIKORI!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WH-
HEY HEY HEY! IS HOSHIKAWA SERIOUS!?
OH-
OH CRAP! SHE'S DOING THAT SUMMONING!
EVERYONE RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
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WE'LL GET SWALLOWED UP—!
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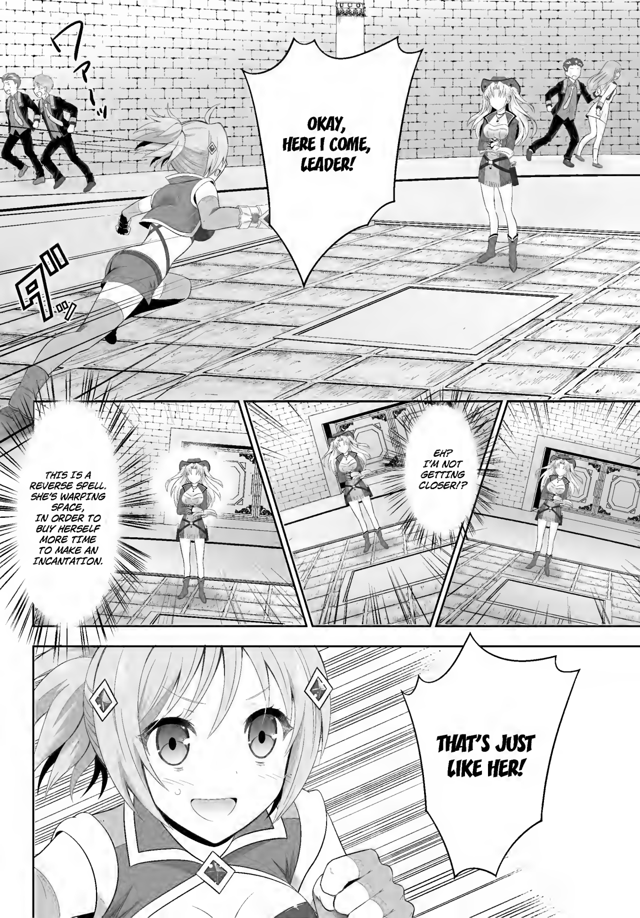
OKAY, HERE I COME, LEADER!
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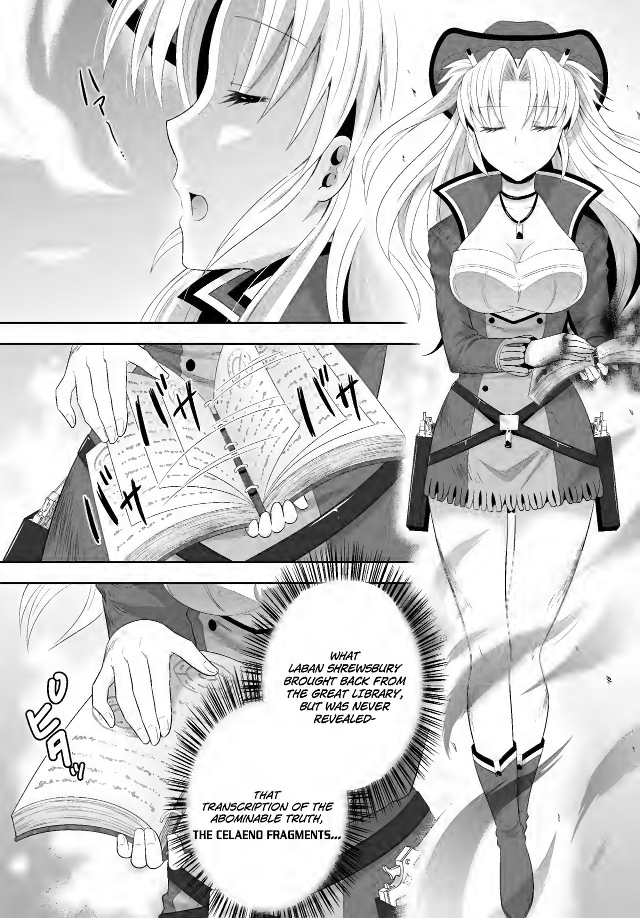
EH? I'M NOT GETTING CLOSER!?
THIS IS A REVERSE SPELL. SHE'S WARPING SPACE, IN ORDER TO BUY HERSELF MORE TIME TO MAKE AN INCANTATION.
THAT'S JUST LIKE HER!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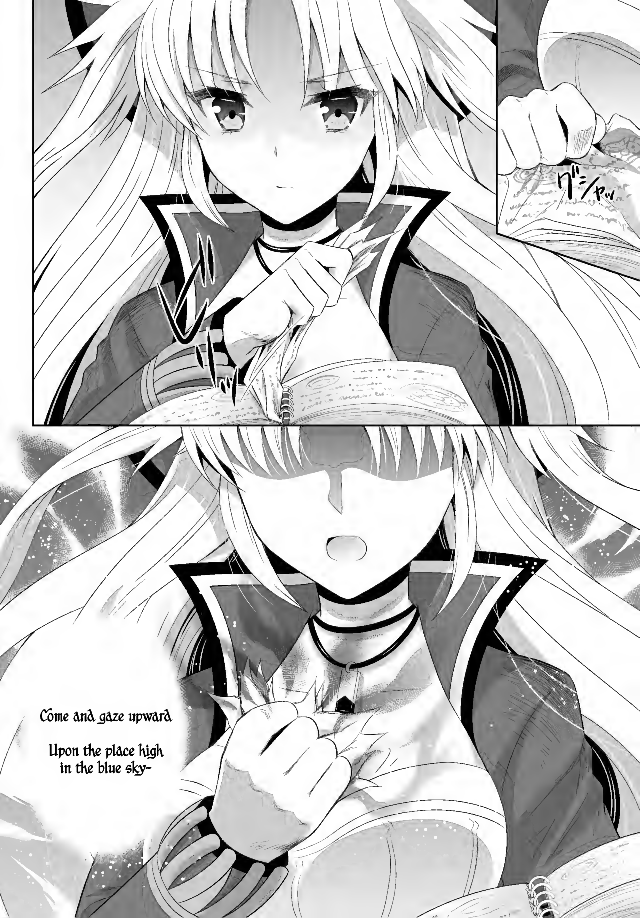
WHAT LABAN SHREWSBURY BROUGHT BACK FROM THE GREAT LIBRARY, BUT WAS NEVER REVEALED-
THAT TRANSCRIPTION OF THE ABOMINABLE TRUTH, THE CELAENO FRAGMENTS...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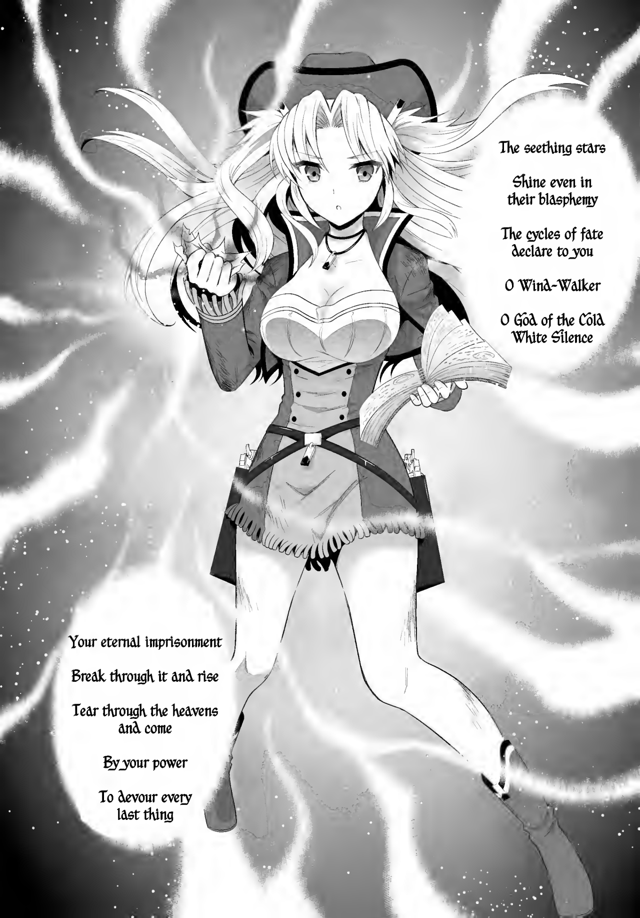
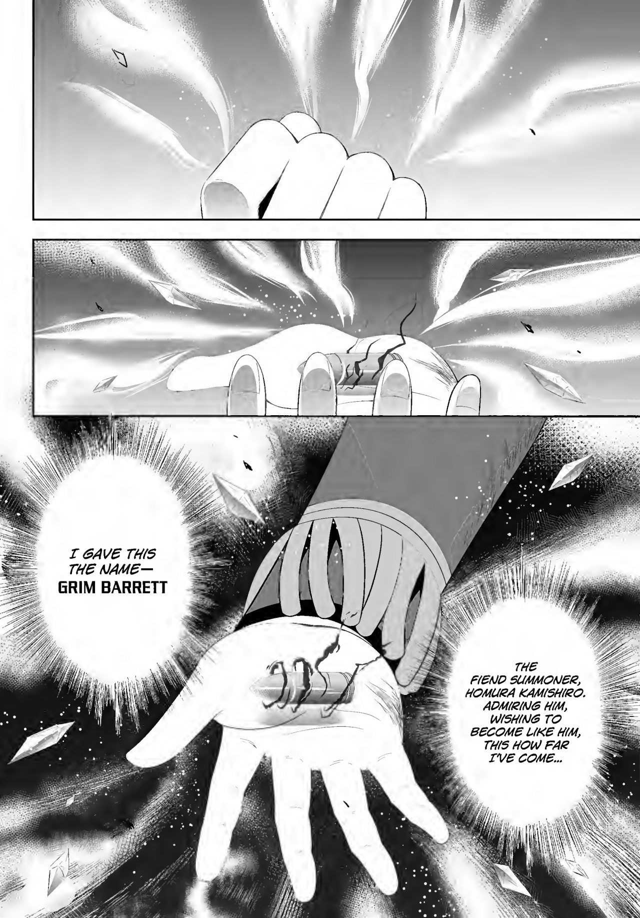
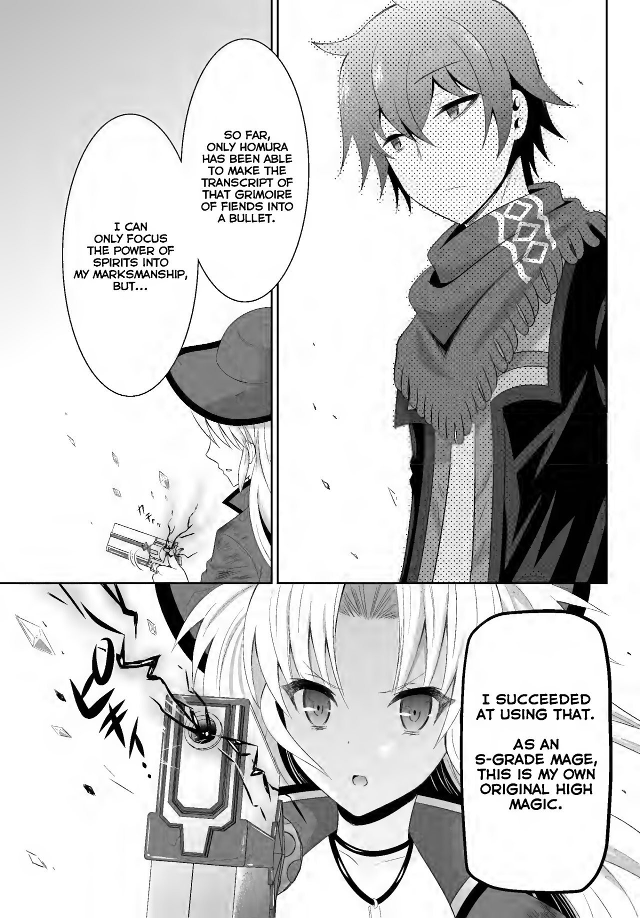
Come and gaze upward
Upon the place high in the blue sky~


The seething stars
Shine even in their blasphemy
The cycles of fate declare to you
O Wind-Walker
O God of the Cold White Silence
Your eternal imprisonment
Break through it and rise
Tear through the heavens and come
By your power
To devour every last thing


THE FIEND SUMMONER, HOMURA KAMISHIRO. ADMIRING HIM, WISHING TO BECOME LIKE HIM, THIS HOW FAR I'VE COME...
I GAVE THIS THE NAME— **GRIM BARRETT**


SO FAR, ONLY HOMURA HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THE TRANSCRIPT OF THAT GRIMOIRE OF FIENDS INTO A BULLET.
I CAN ONLY FOCUS THE POWER OF SPIRITS INTO MY MARKSMANSHIP, BUT...
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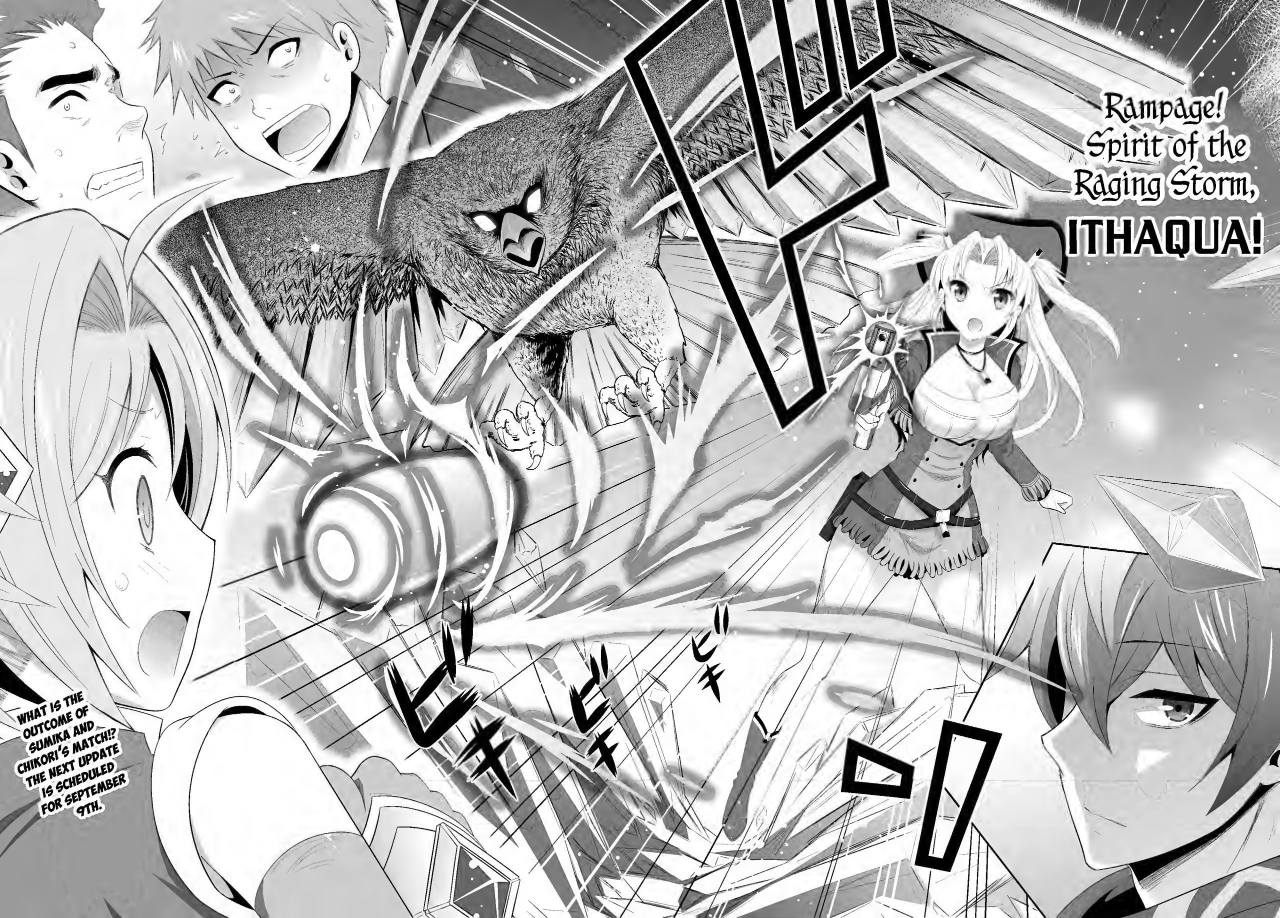
I SUCCEEDED AT USING THAT.
AS AN S-GRADE MAGE, THIS IS MY OWN ORIGINAL HIGH MAGIC.


Rampage! Spirit of the Raging Storm,
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WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF SUMIKA AND CHIKORI'S MATCH!? THE NEXT UPDATE IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 9TH.

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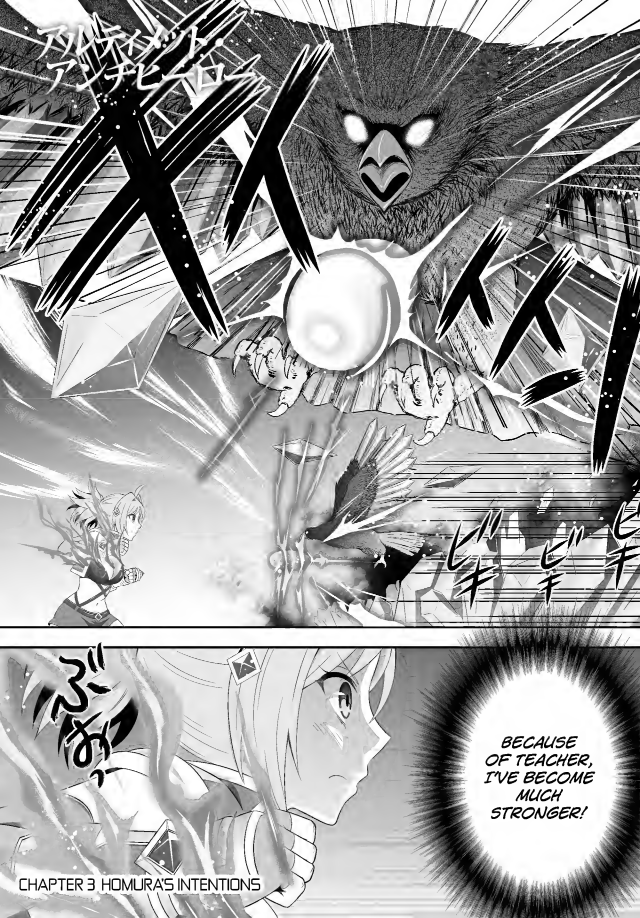
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BECAUSE OF TEACHER, I'VE BECOME MUCH STRONGER!
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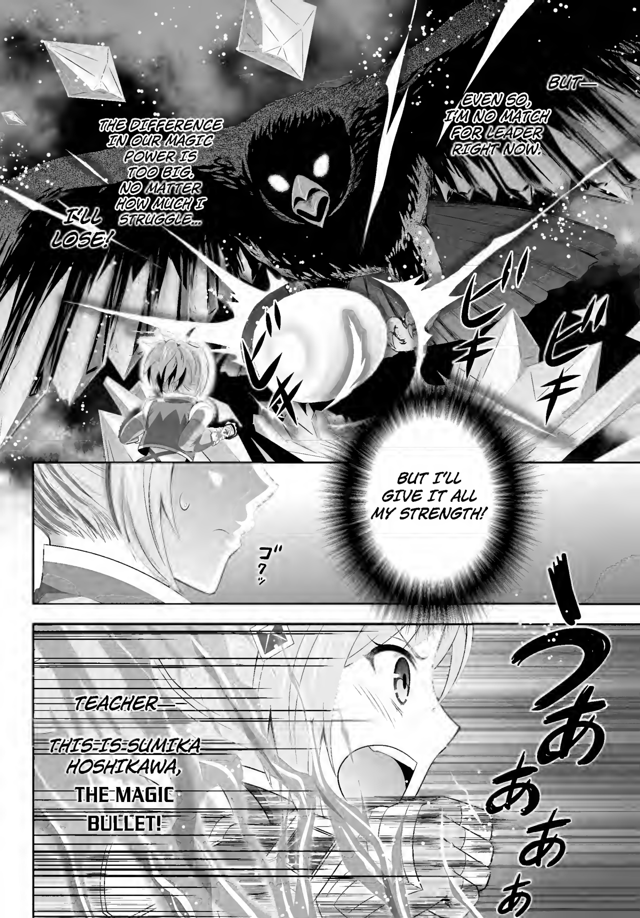
BUT—
EVEN SO, I'M NO MATCH FOR LEADER RIGHT NOW.
THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR MAGIC POWER IS TOO BIG. NO MATTER HOW MUCH I STRUGGLE...
I'LL LOSE!
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BUT I'LL GIVE IT ALL MY STRENGTH!
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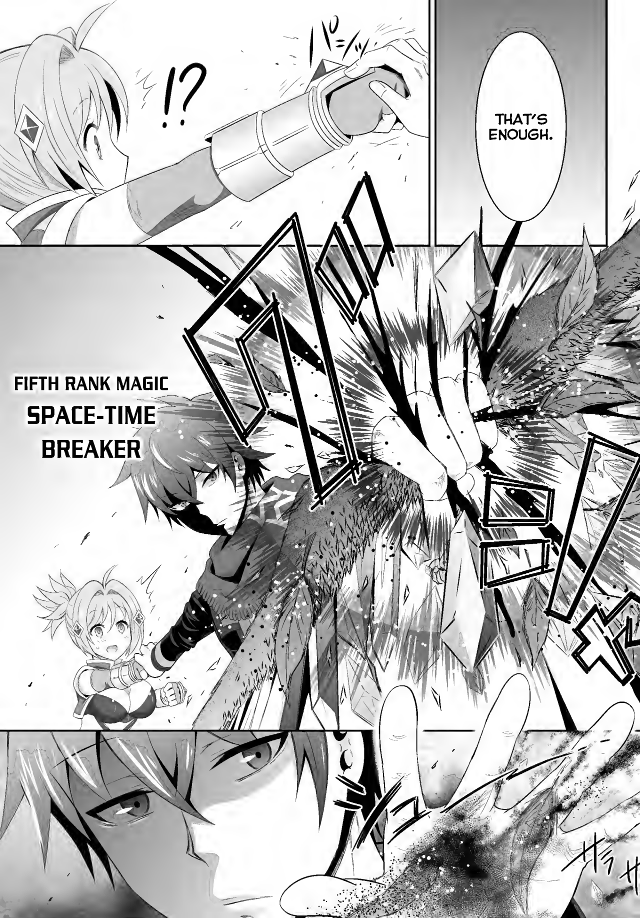
TEACHER—
THIS IS SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA, THE MAGIC BULLET!


THAT'S ENOUGH.
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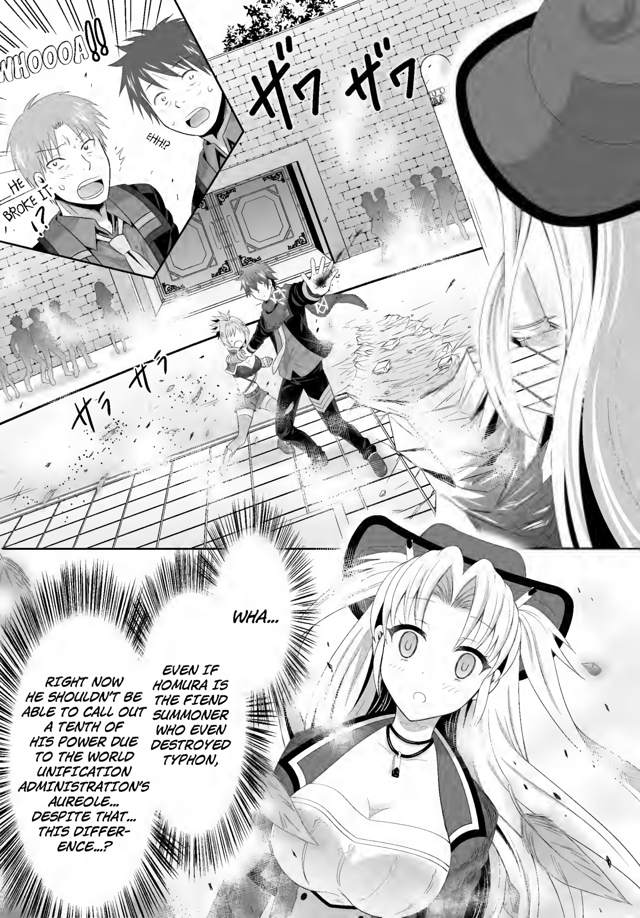
FIFTH RANK MAGIC
SPACE-TIME BREAKER


WHOOOA!!
EHH!?
HE BROKE IT!?
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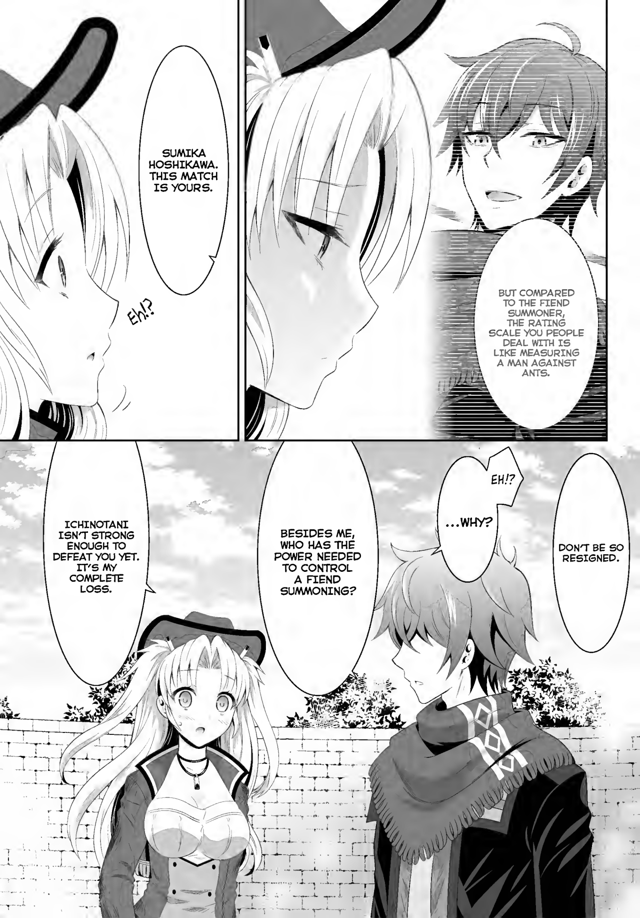
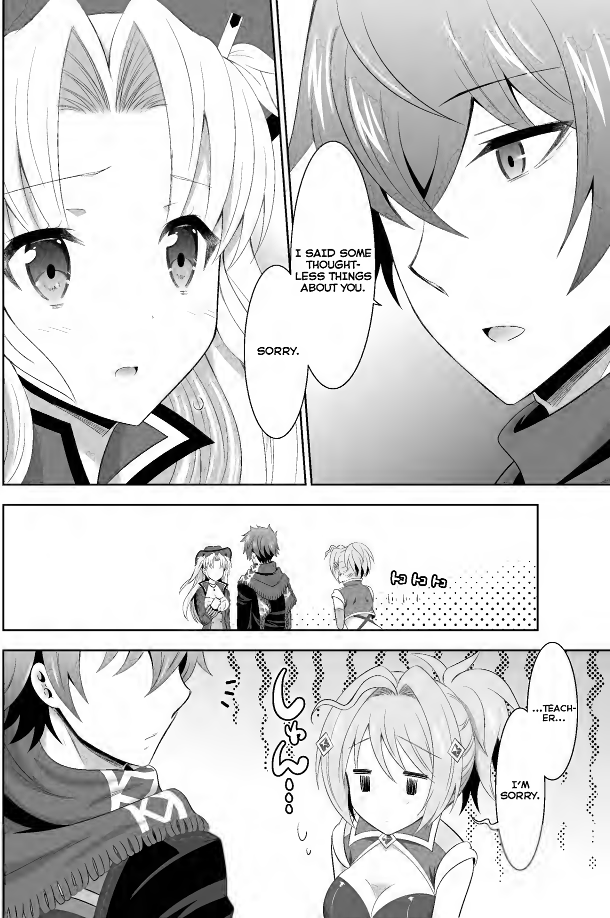
WHA...
EVEN IF HOMURA IS THE FIEND SUMMONER WHO EVEN DESTROYED TYPHON,
RIGHT NOW HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CALL OUT A TENTH OF HIS POWER DUE TO THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION'S AUREOLE... DESPITE THAT... THIS DIFFERENCE...?


BUT COMPARED TO THE FIEND SUMMONER, THE RATING SCALE YOU PEOPLE DEAL WITH IS LIKE MEASURING A MAN AGAINST ANTS.
SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA. THIS MATCH IS YOURS.
Eh!?
DON'T BE SO RESIGNED.
EH!?
...WHY?
BESIDES ME, WHO HAS THE POWER NEEDED TO CONTROL A FIEND SUMMONING?
ICHINOTANI ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOU YET. IT'S MY COMPLETE LOSS.


I SAID SOME THOUGHTLESS THINGS ABOUT YOU.
SORRY.
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...TEACHER...
I'M SORRY.
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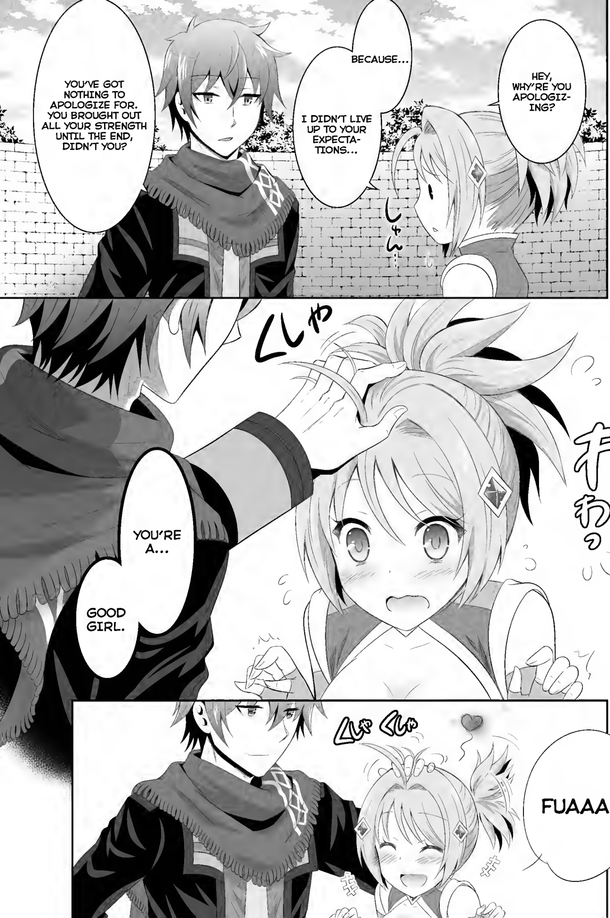
HEY, WHY'RE YOU APOLOGIZING?
BECAUSE...
I DIDN'T LIVE UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS...
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YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR. YOU BROUGHT OUT ALL YOUR STRENGTH UNTIL THE END, DIDN'T YOU?
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YOU'RE A...
GOOD GIRL.
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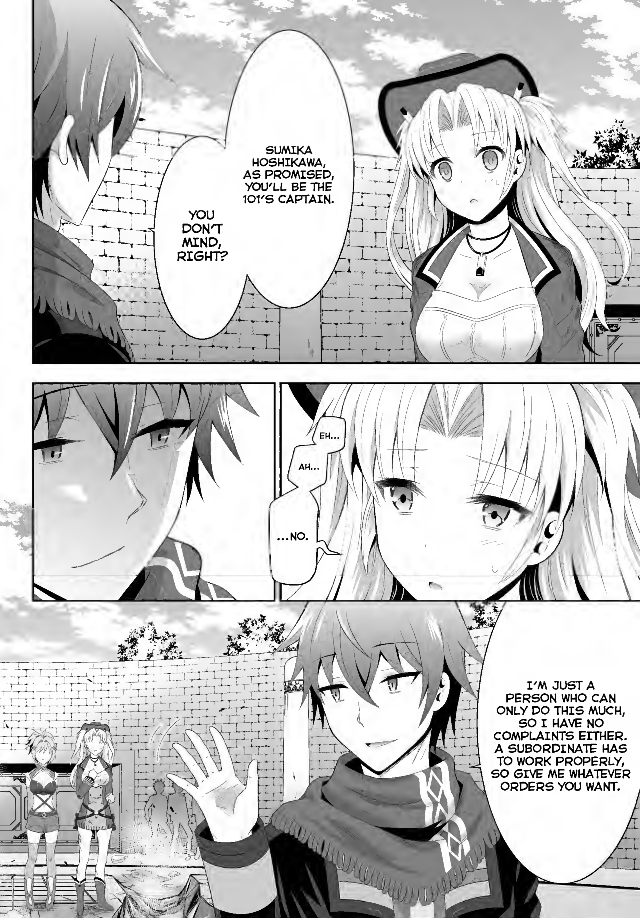
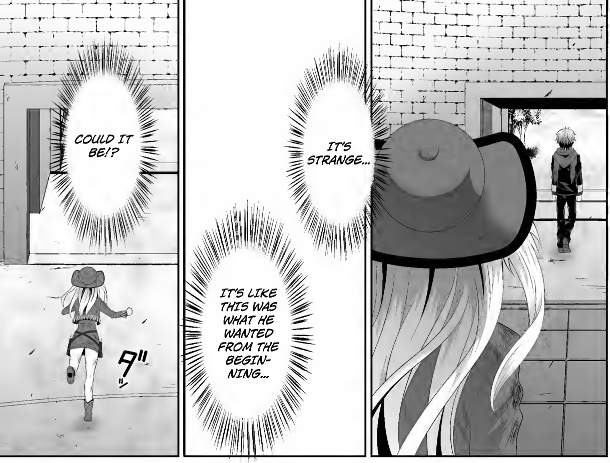
FUAAA...


SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA, AS PROMISED, YOU'LL BE THE 101'S CAPTAIN.
YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT?
EH...
AH...
...NO.
I'M JUST A PERSON WHO CAN ONLY DO THIS MUCH, SO I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS EITHER. A SUBORDINATE HAS TO WORK PROPERLY, SO GIVE ME WHATEVER ORDERS YOU WANT.


IT'S STRANGE...
IT'S LIKE THIS WAS WHAT HE WANTED FROM THE BEGINNING...
COULD IT BE!?
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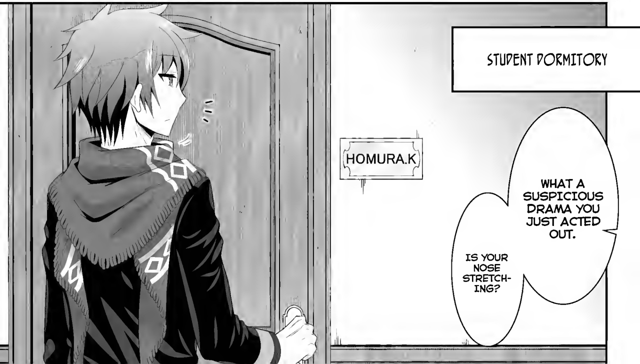
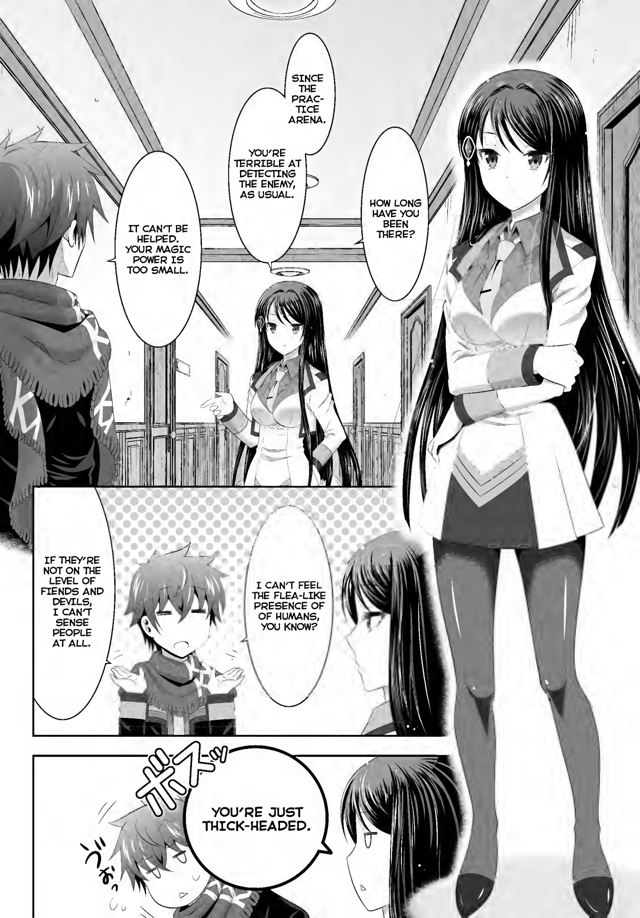

STUDENT DORMITORY
HOMURA.K
WHAT A SUSPICIOUS DRAMA YOU JUST ACTED OUT.
IS YOUR NOSE STRETCHING?


HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
SINCE THE PRAC-TICE ARENA.
YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT DETECTING THE ENEMY, AS USUAL.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. YOUR MAGIC POWER IS TOO SMALL.
I CAN'T FEEL THE FLEA-LIKE PRESENCE OF OF HUMANS, YOU KNOW?
IF THEY'RE NOT ON THE LEVEL OF FIENDS AND DEVILS, I CAN'T SENSE PEOPLE AT ALL.
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YOU'RE JUST THICK-HEADED.
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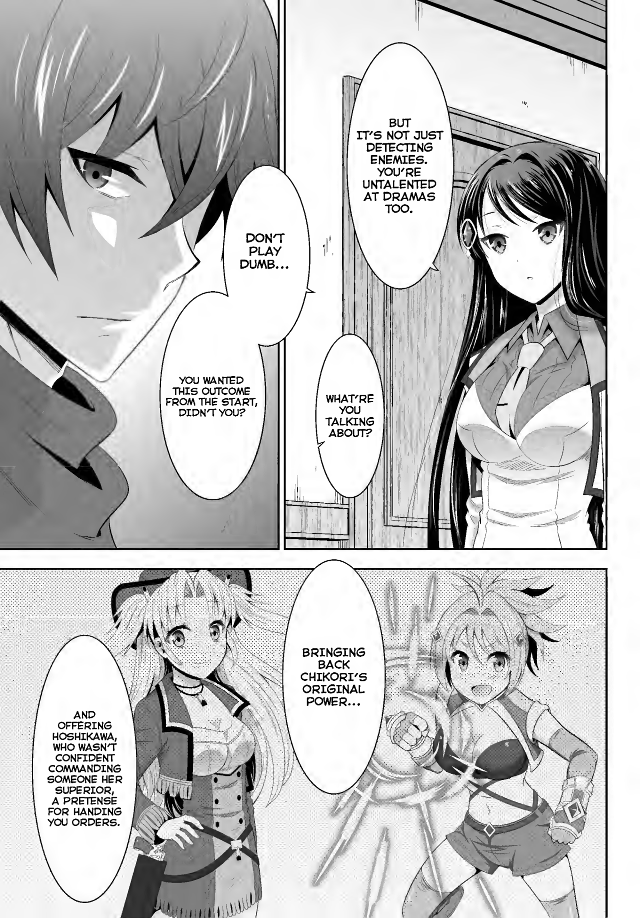
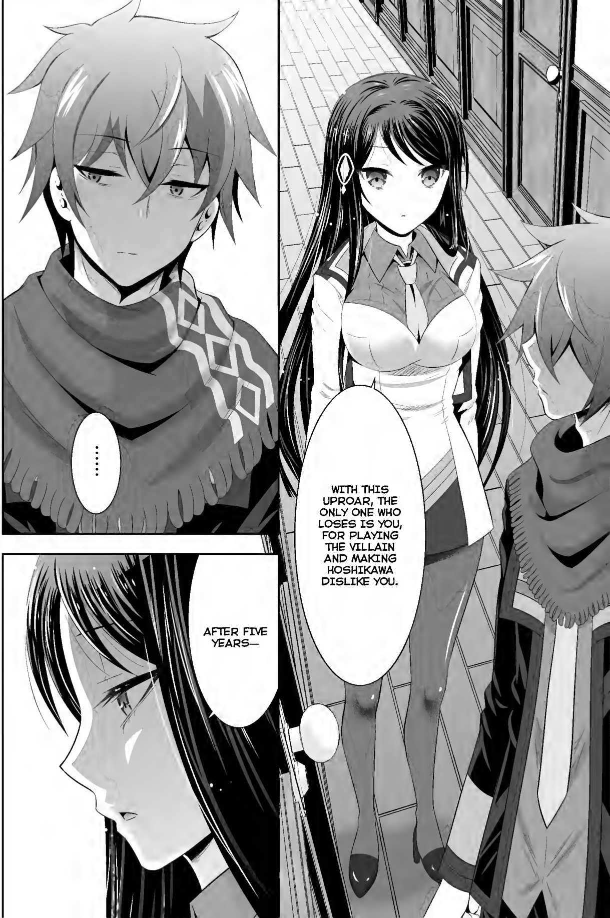

BUT IT'S NOT JUST DETECTING ENEMIES. YOU'RE UNTALENTED AT DRAMAS TOO.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T PLAY DUMB...
YOU WANTED THIS OUTCOME FROM THE START, DIDN'T YOU?
BRINGING BACK CHIKORI'S ORIGINAL POWER...
AND OFFERING HOSHIKAWA, WHO WASN'T CONFIDENT COMMANDING SOMEONE HER SUPERIOR, A PRETENSE FOR HANDING YOU ORDERS.


WITH THIS UPROAR, THE ONLY ONE WHO LOSES IS YOU, FOR PLAYING THE VILLAIN AND MAKING HOSHIKAWA DISLIKE YOU.
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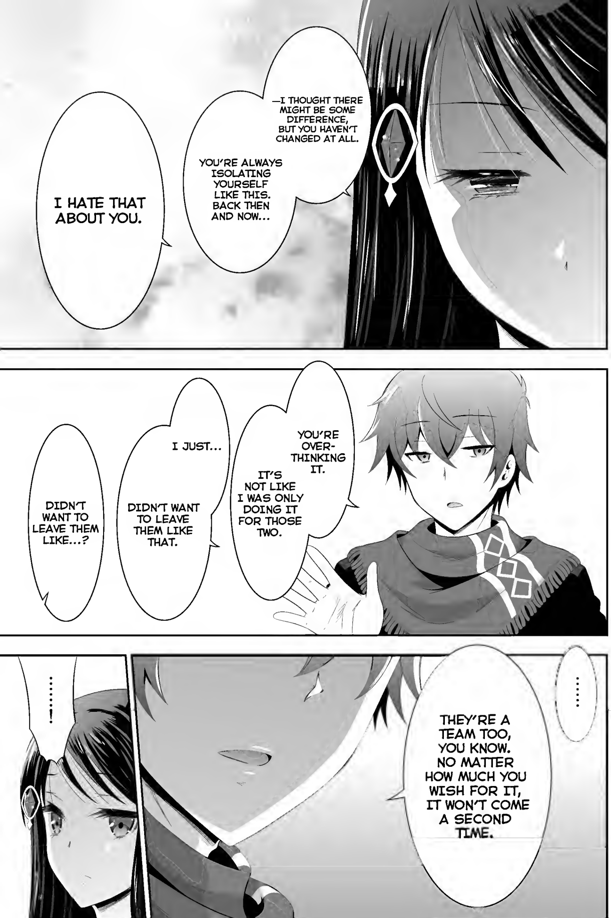
AFTER FIVE YEARS—


—I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME DIFFERENCE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL. YOU'RE ALWAYS ISOLATING YOURSELF LIKE THIS. BACK THEN AND NOW...
I HATE THAT ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE OVER-THINKING IT. IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS ONLY DOING IT FOR THOSE TWO.
I JUST... DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT.
DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THEM LIKE...?
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THEY'RE A TEAM TOO, YOU KNOW. NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WISH FOR IT, IT WON'T COME A SECOND TIME.
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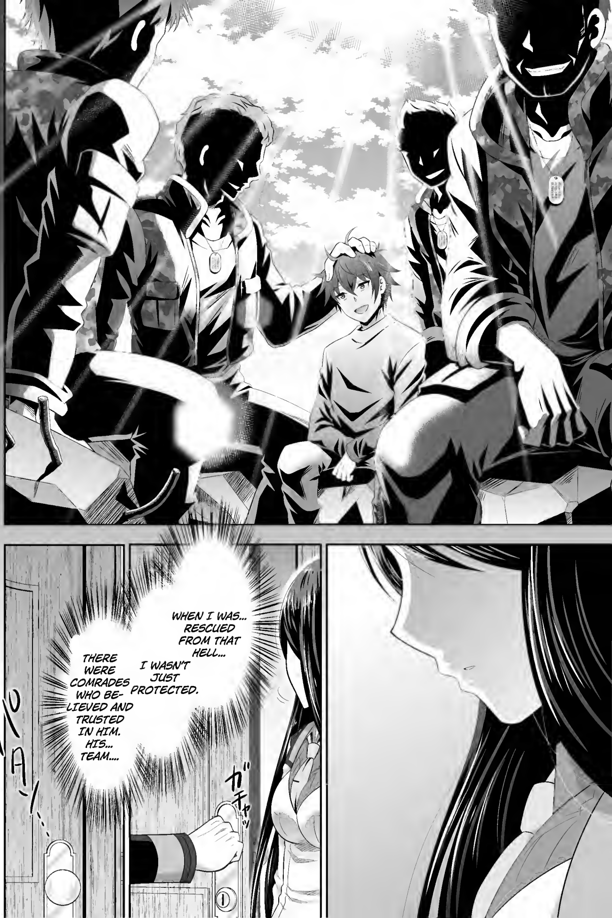
WHEN I WAS... RESCUED FROM THAT HELL... I WASN'T JUST PROTECTED.
THERE WERE COMRADES WHO BELIEVED AND TRUSTED IN HIM. HIS... TEAM....
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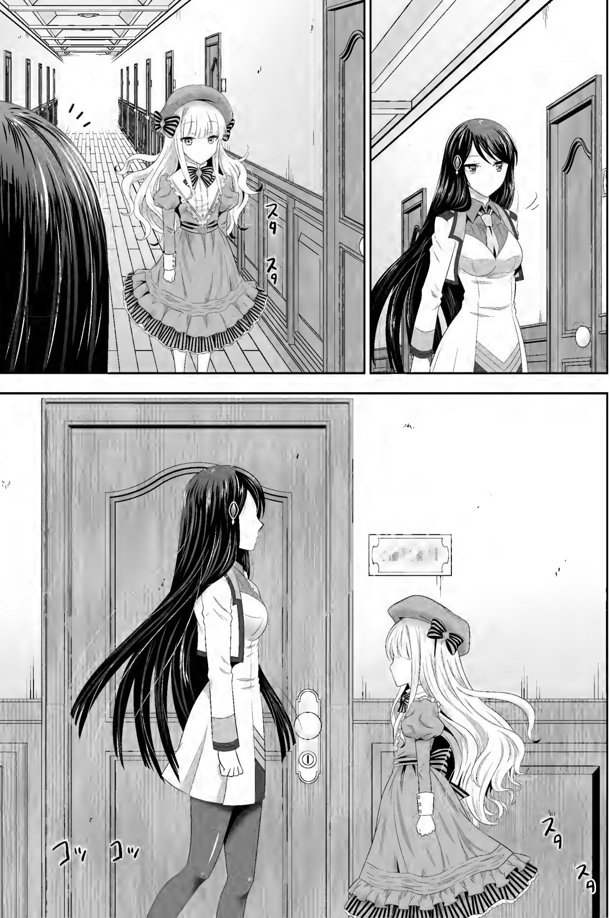
パA-!...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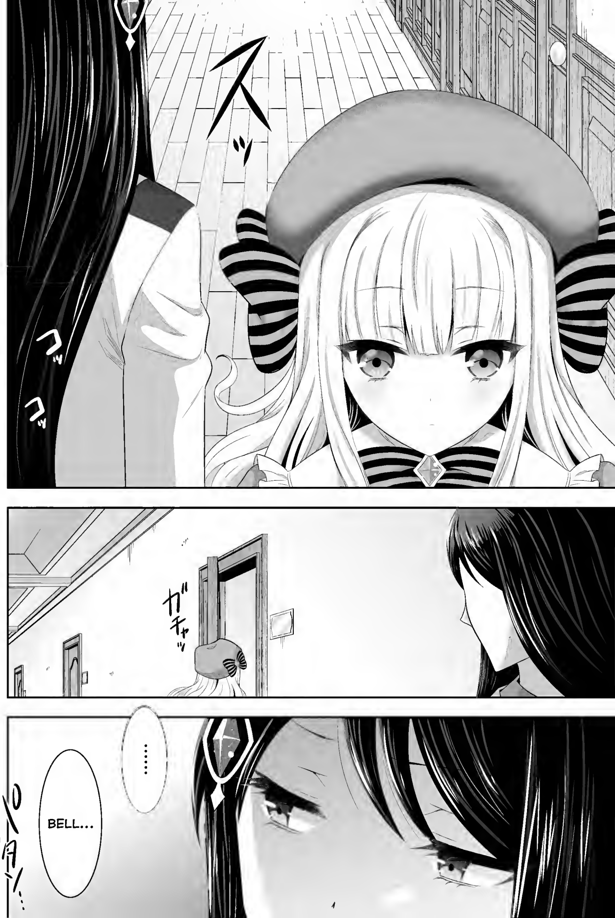
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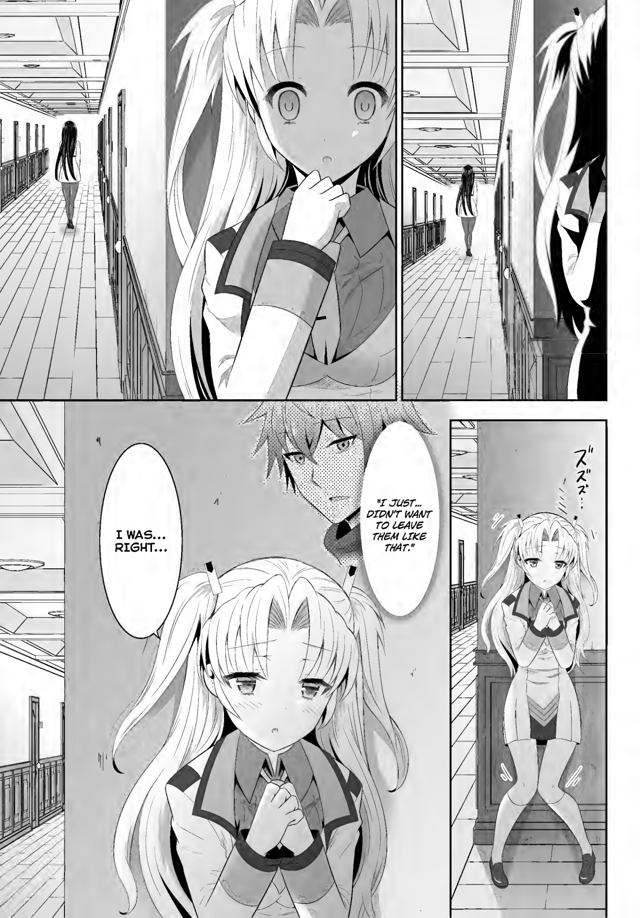
BELL…
パタン…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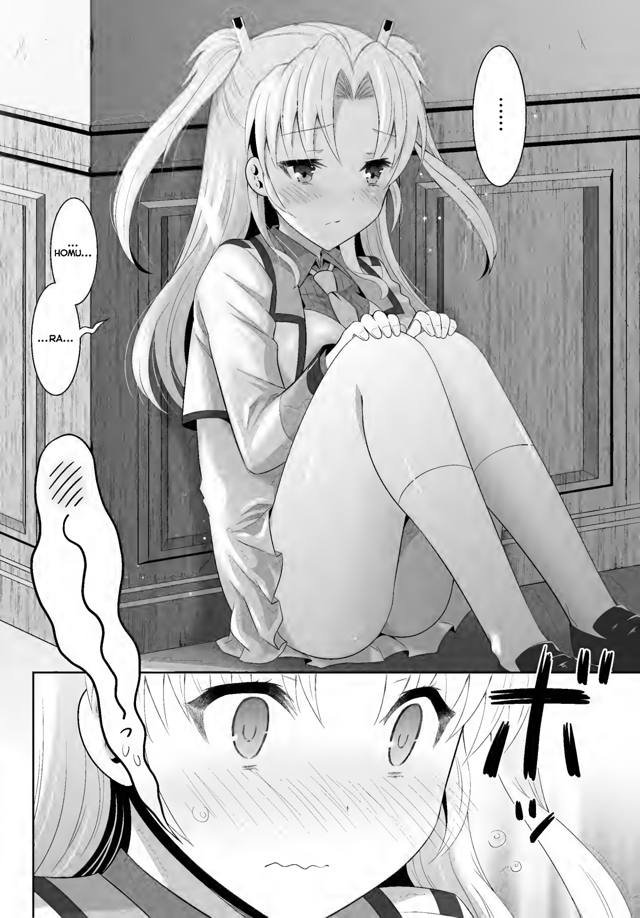
"I JUST... DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT."
I WAS... RIGHT...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... HOMU...
...RA...
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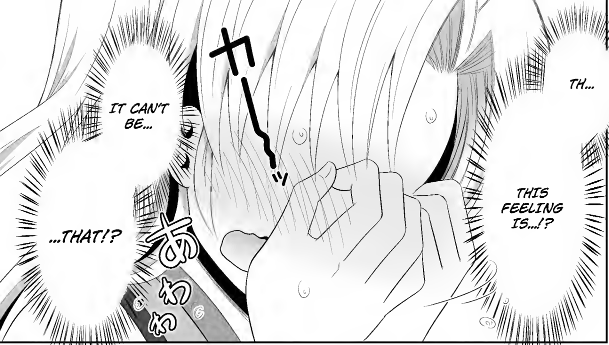
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THIS FEELING IS...!?
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IT CAN'T BE...
...THAT!?
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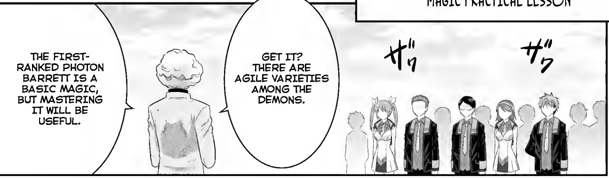
TEN DAYS LATER—

YEAR 3 CLASS A
MAGIC PRACTICAL LESSON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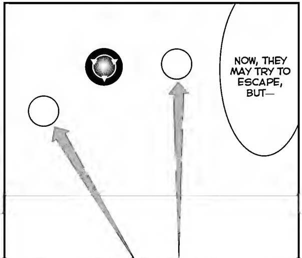
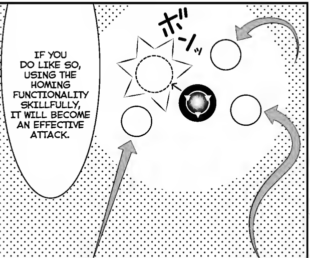
GET IT? THERE ARE AGILE VARIETIES AMONG THE DEMONS.
THE FIRST-RANKED PHOTON BARRETT IS A BASIC MAGIC, BUT MASTERING IT WILL BE USEFUL.


NOW, THEY MAY TRY TO ESCAPE, BUT—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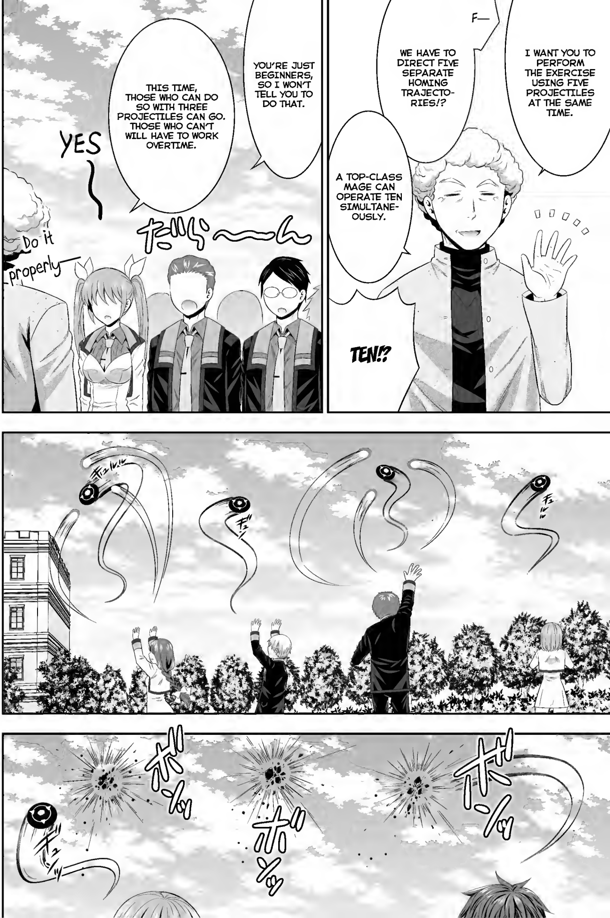
IF YOU DO LIKE SO, USING THE HOMING FUNCTIONALITY SKILLFULLY, IT WILL BECOME AN EFFECTIVE ATTACK.


F—
I WANT YOU TO PERFORM THE EXERCISE USING FIVE PROJECTILES AT THE SAME TIME.
WE HAVE TO DIRECT FIVE SEPARATE HOMING TRAJECTORIES!?
A TOP-CLASS MAGE CAN OPERATE TEN SIMULTANEOUSLY.
TEN!?
YOU'RE JUST BEGINNERS, SO I WON'T TELL YOU TO DO THAT.
THIS TIME, THOSE WHO CAN DO SO WITH THREE PROJECTILES CAN GO. THOSE WHO CAN'T WILL HAVE TO WORK OVERTIME.
YES ~
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Do it properly—
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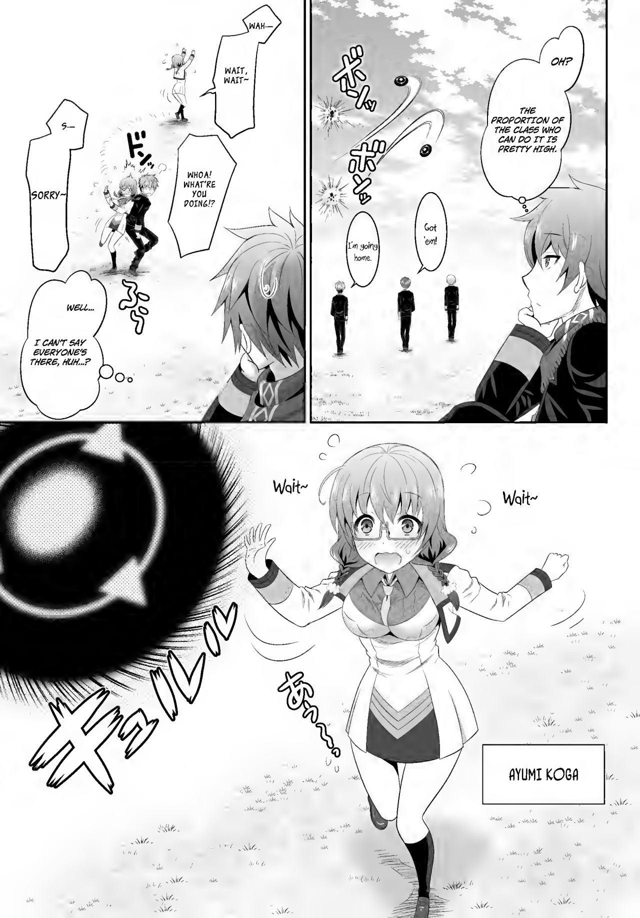
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OH?
THE PROPORTION OF THE CLASS WHO CAN DO IT IS PRETTY HIGH.
Got 'em!
I'm going home.
WAH—
WAIT, WAIT~
ドンッ
WHOA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
S—
SORRY~
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WELL...
I CAN'T SAY EVERYONE'S THERE, HUH...?
Wait~
Wait~
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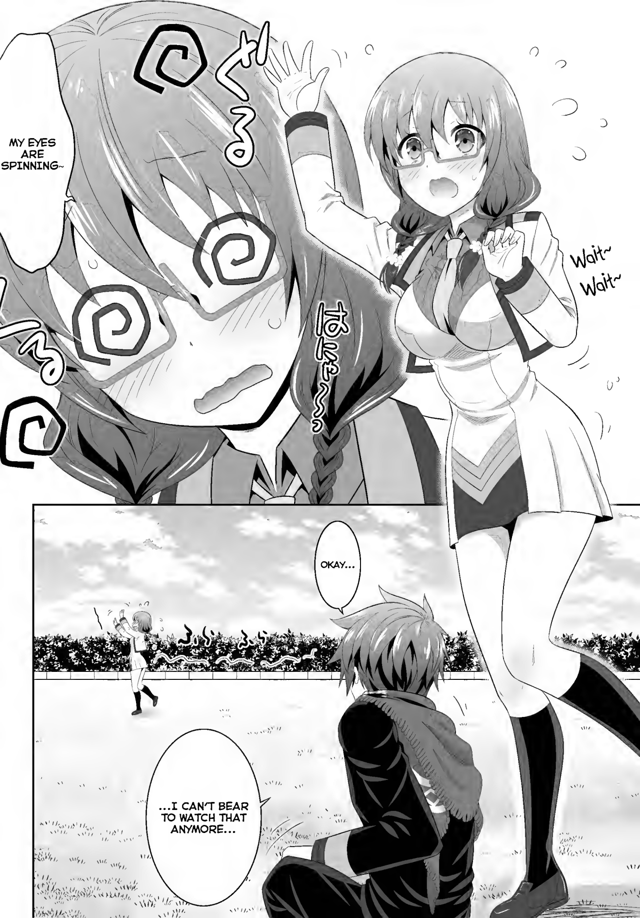
AYUMI KOGA


Wait~
Wait~
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MY EYES ARE SPINNING~
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OKAY...
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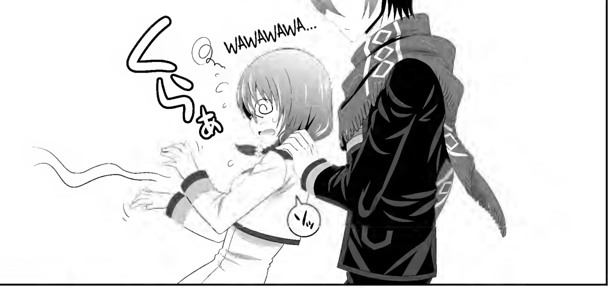
...I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH THAT ANYMORE...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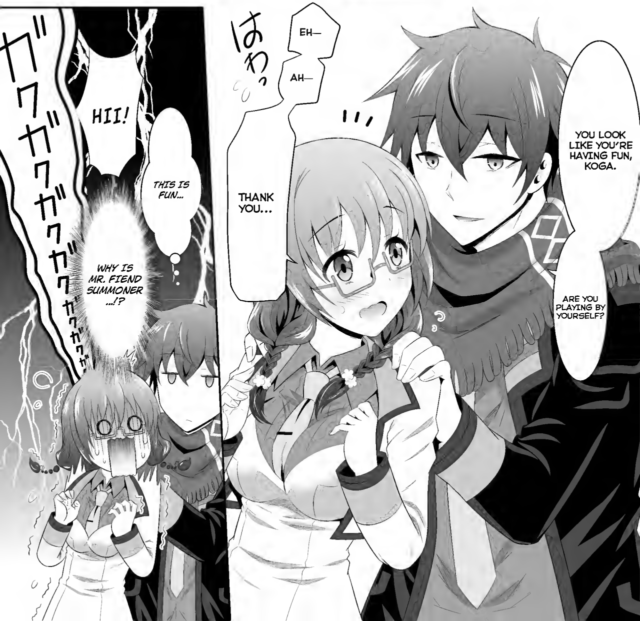
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN, KOGA.
ARE YOU PLAYING BY YOURSELF?
EH—
AH—
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THANK YOU...
HII!
THIS IS FUN...
WHY IS MR. FIEND SUMMONER ...!?
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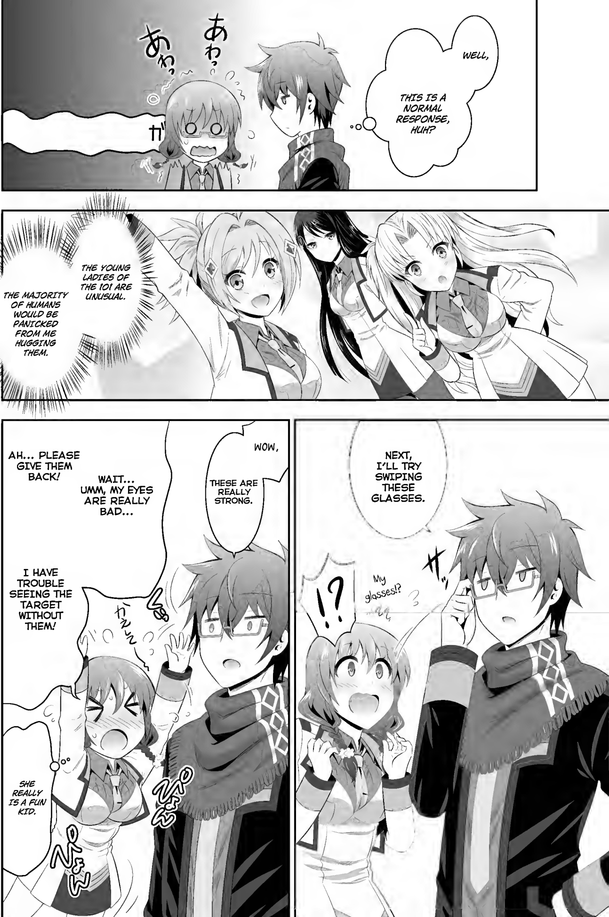
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WELL, THIS IS A NORMAL RESPONSE, HUH?
THE YOUNG LADIES OF THE 101 ARE UNUSUAL.
THE MAJORITY OF HUMANS WOULD BE PANICKED FROM ME HUGGING THEM.
NEXT, I'LL TRY SWIPING THESE GLASSES.
サッ
!?
My glasses!?
WOW, THESE ARE REALLY STRONG.
AH... PLEASE GIVE THEM BACK! WAIT... UMM, MY EYES ARE REALLY BAD... I HAVE TROUBLE SEEING THE TARGET WITHOUT THEM!
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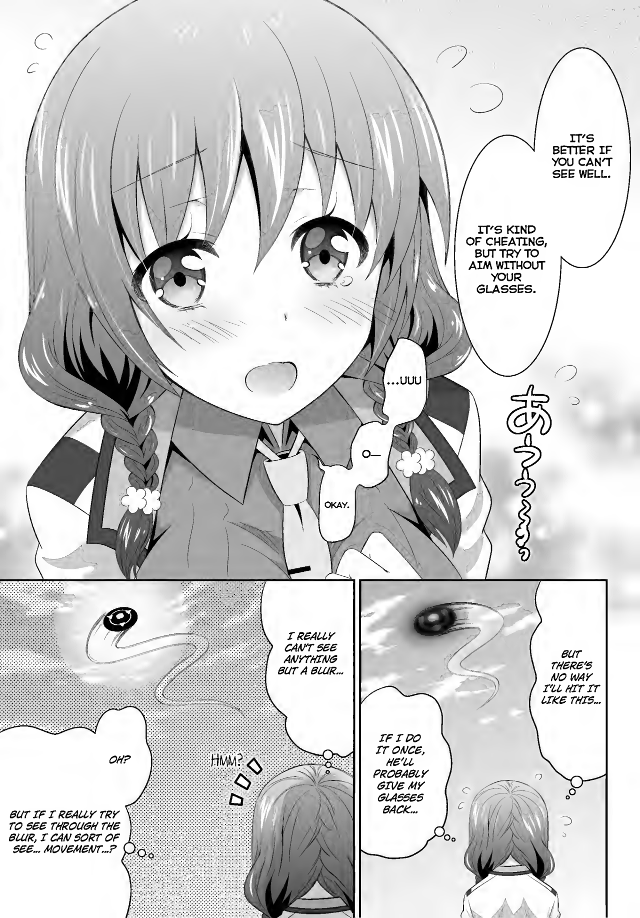
SHE REALLY IS A FUN KID.


IT'S BETTER IF YOU CAN'T SEE WELL.
IT'S KIND OF CHEATING, BUT TRY TO AIM WITHOUT YOUR GLASSES.
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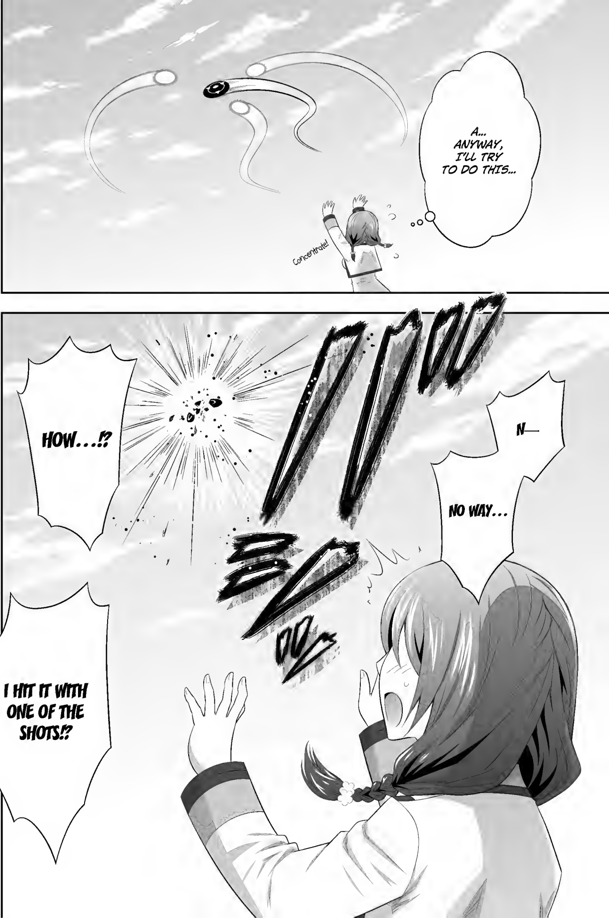
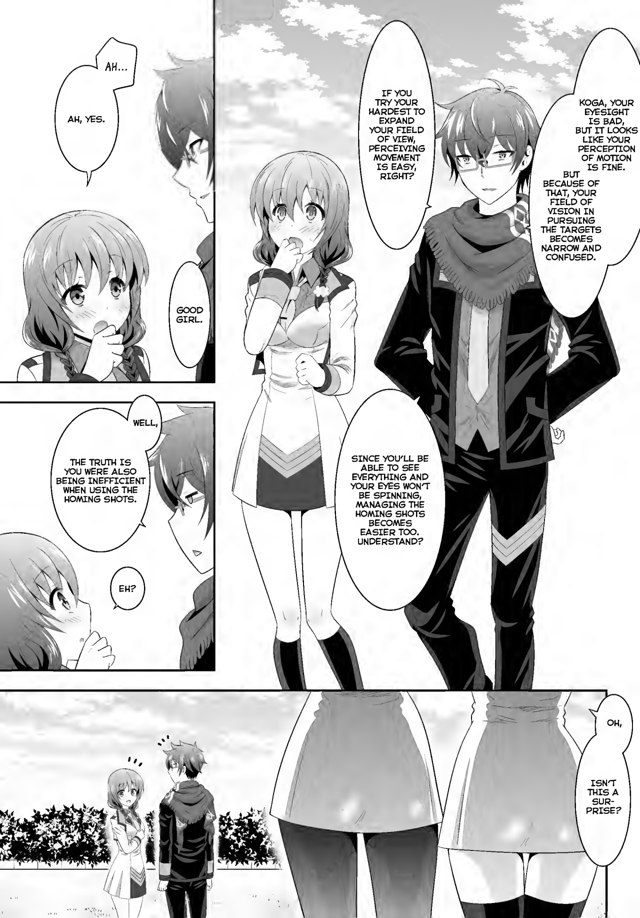
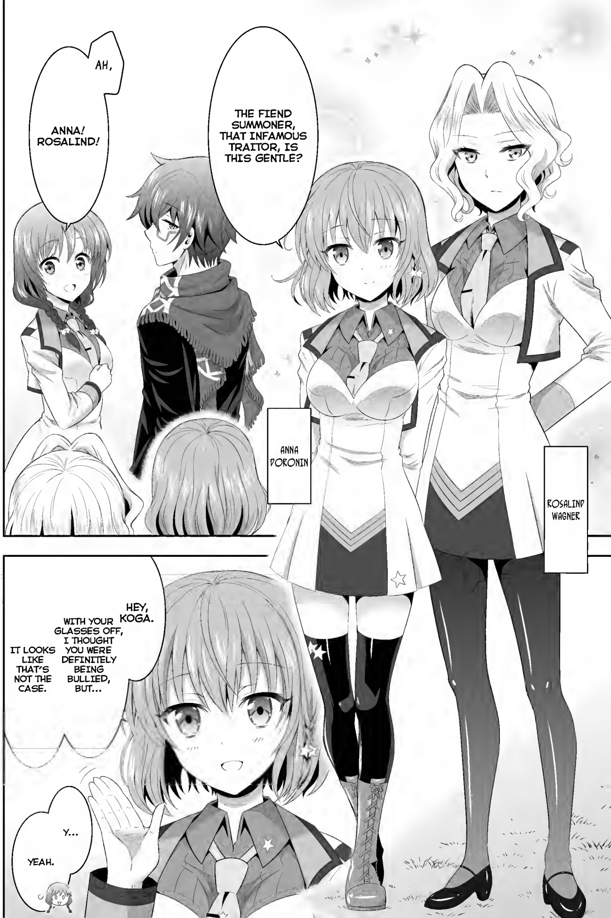
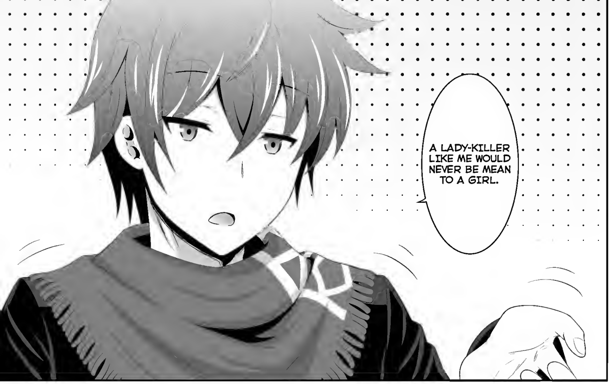
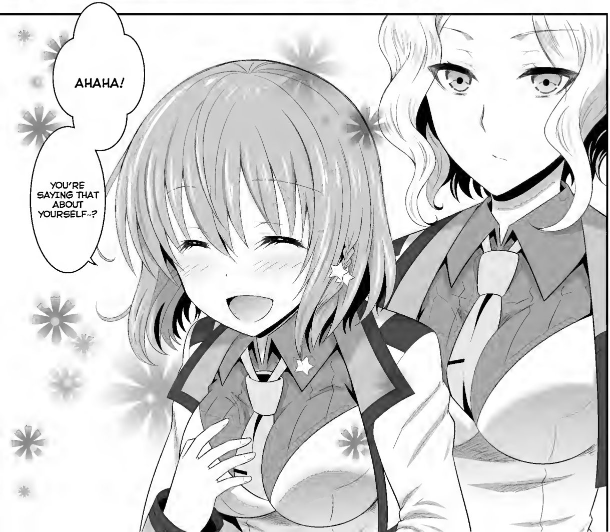
...UUU
O—
OKAY.
BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'LL HIT IT LIKE THIS...
IF I DO IT ONCE, HE'LL PROBABLY GIVE MY GLASSES BACK...
I REALLY CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BUT A BLUR...
HMM?
OH?
BUT IF I REALLY TRY TO SEE THROUGH THE BLUR, I CAN SORT OF SEE... MOVEMENT...?

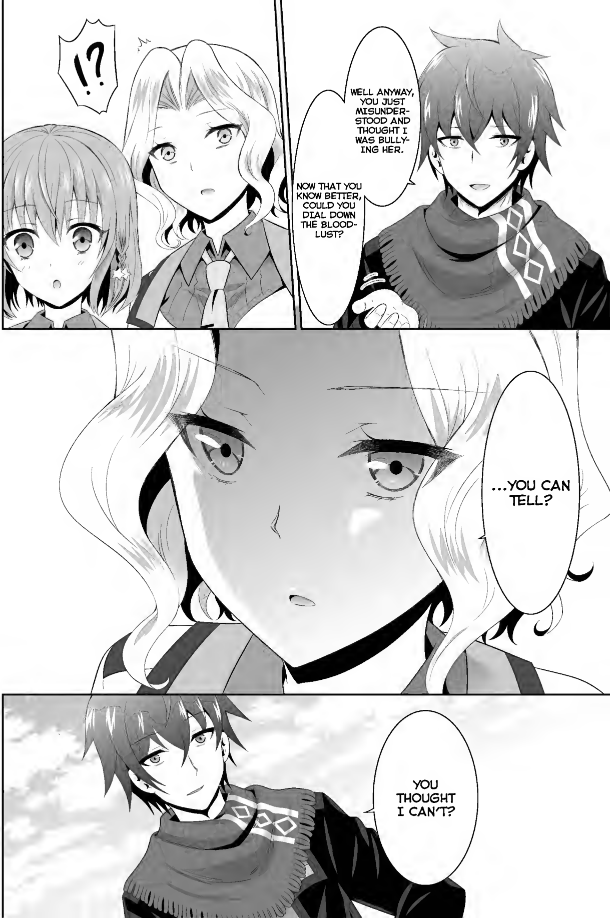

A... ANYWAY, I'LL TRY TO DO THIS...
Concentrate!
N—
NO WAY...
HOW...!?
I HIT IT WITH ONE OF THE SHOTS!?

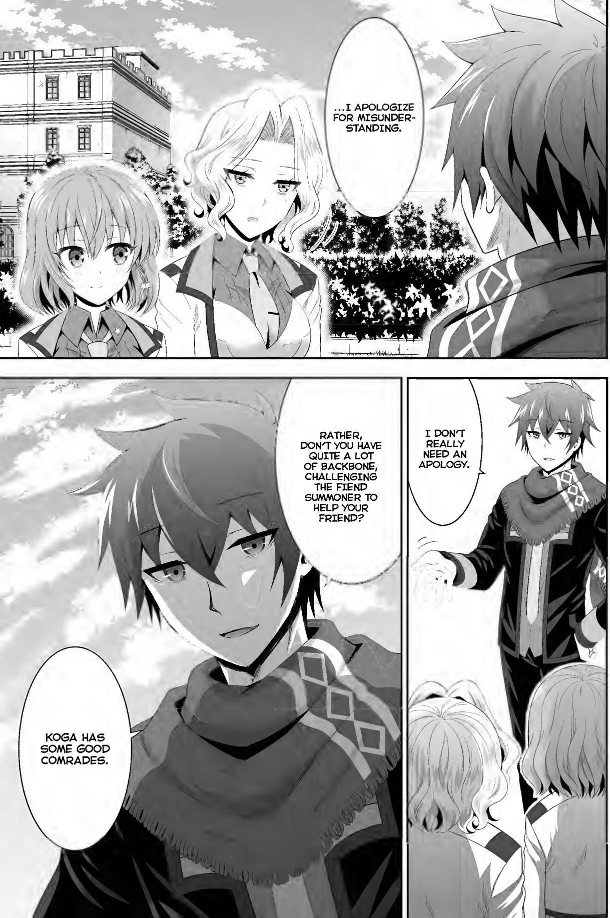

KOGA, YOUR EYESIGHT IS BAD, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR PERCEPTION OF MOTION IS FINE. BUT BECAUSE OF THAT, YOUR FIELD OF VISION IN PURSUING THE TARGETS BECOMES NARROW AND CONFUSED.
IF YOU TRY YOUR HARDEST TO EXPAND YOUR FIELD OF VIEW, PERCEIVING MOVEMENT IS EASY, RIGHT?
SINCE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE EVERYTHING AND YOUR EYES WON'T BE SPINNING, MANAGING THE HOMING SHOTS BECOMES EASIER TOO. UNDERSTAND?
AH...
AH, YES.
GOOD GIRL.
WELL,
THE TRUTH IS YOU WERE ALSO BEING INEFFICIENT WHEN USING THE HOMING SHOTS.
EH?
OH,
ISN'T THIS A SUR-PRISE?

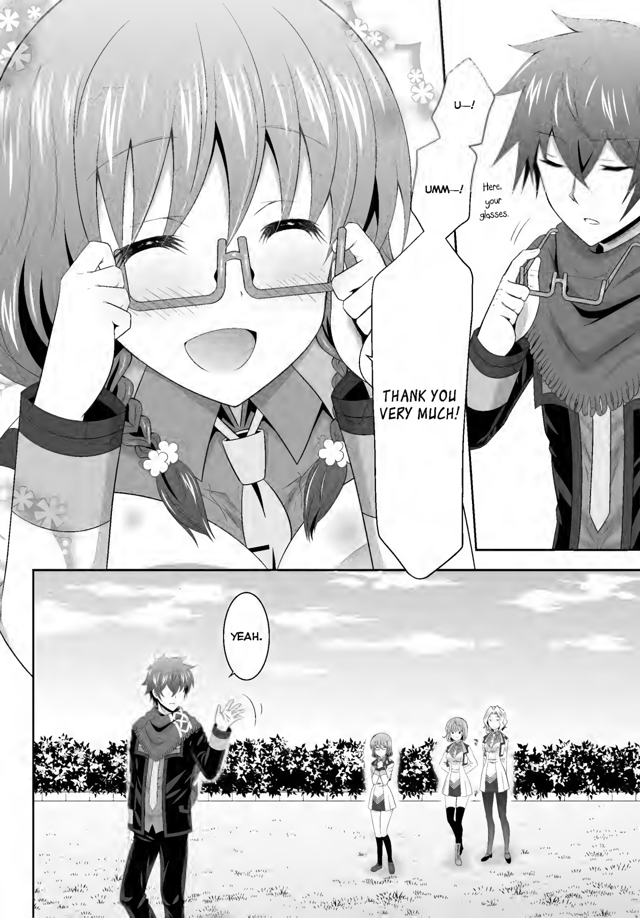

AH, ANNA! ROSALIND!
THE FIEND SUMMONER, THAT INFAMOUS TRAITOR, IS THIS GENTLE?
ROSALIND WAGNER
ANNA DORONIN
HEY, KOGA.
WITH YOUR GLASSES OFF, I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEFINITELY BEING BULLIED, BUT...
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S NOT THE CASE.
Y... YEAH.

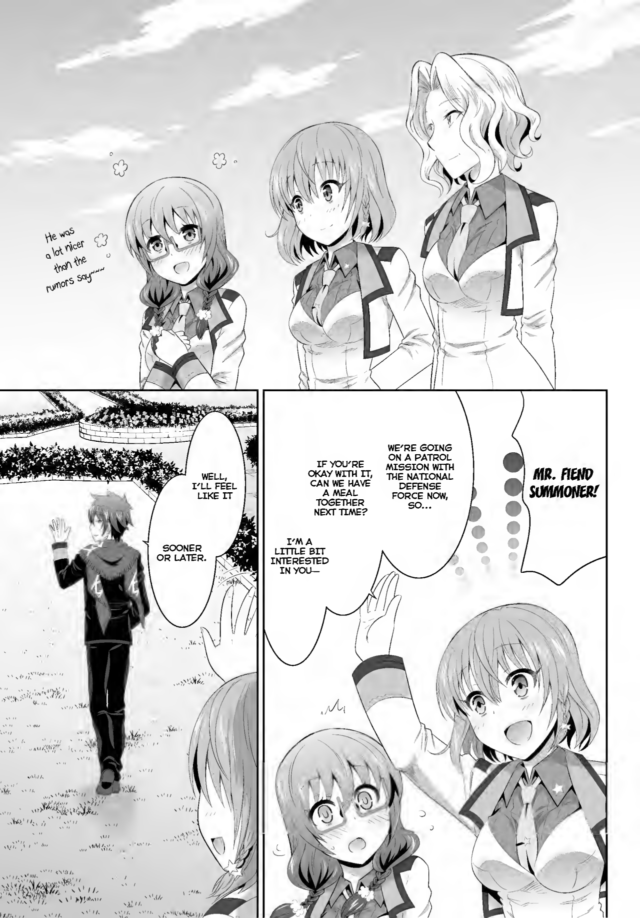

A LADY-KILLER LIKE ME WOULD NEVER BE MEAN TO A GIRL.

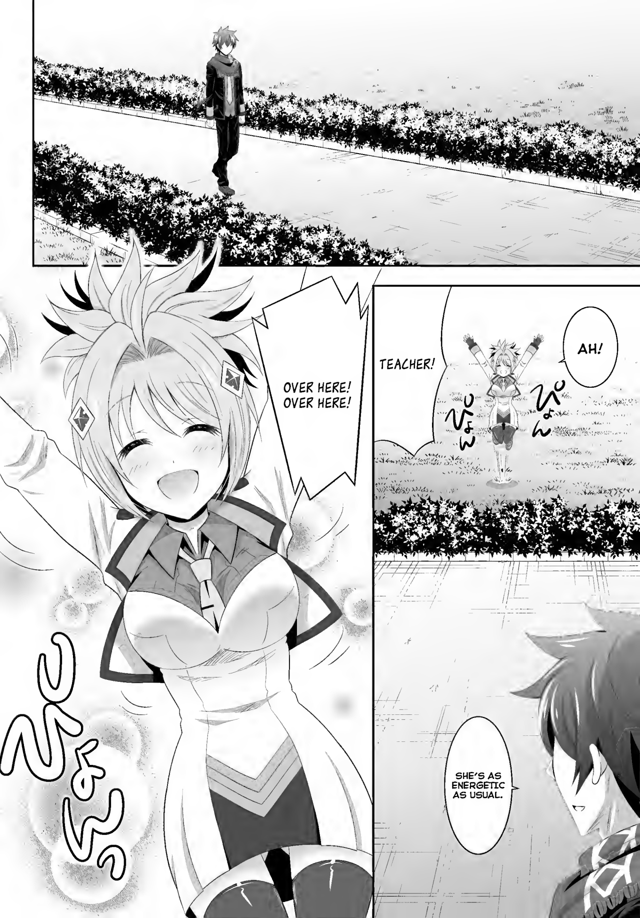

AHAHA!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT ABOUT YOURSELF~?


WELL ANYWAY, YOU JUST MISUNDERSTOOD AND THOUGHT I WAS BULLYING HER.
NOW THAT YOU KNOW BETTER, COULD YOU DIAL DOWN THE BLOODLUST?
!?
...YOU CAN TELL?
YOU THOUGHT I CAN'T?


...I APOLOGIZE FOR MISUNDERSTANDING.
I DON'T REALLY NEED AN APOLOGY.
RATHER, DON'T YOU HAVE QUITE A LOT OF BACKBONE, CHALLENGING THE FIEND SUMMONER TO HELP YOUR FRIEND?
KOGA HAS SOME GOOD COMRADES.


Here, your glasses.
U—!
UMM—!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
YEAH.


He was a lot nicer than the rumors say~~~
MR. FIEND SUMMONER!
WE'RE GOING ON A PATROL MISSION WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE NOW, SO...
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT, CAN WE HAVE A MEAL TOGETHER NEXT TIME?
I'M A LITTLE BIT INTERESTED IN YOU—
WELL, I'LL FEEL LIKE IT
SOONER OR LATER.


AH!
TEACHER!
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SHE'S AS ENERGETIC AS USUAL.
OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
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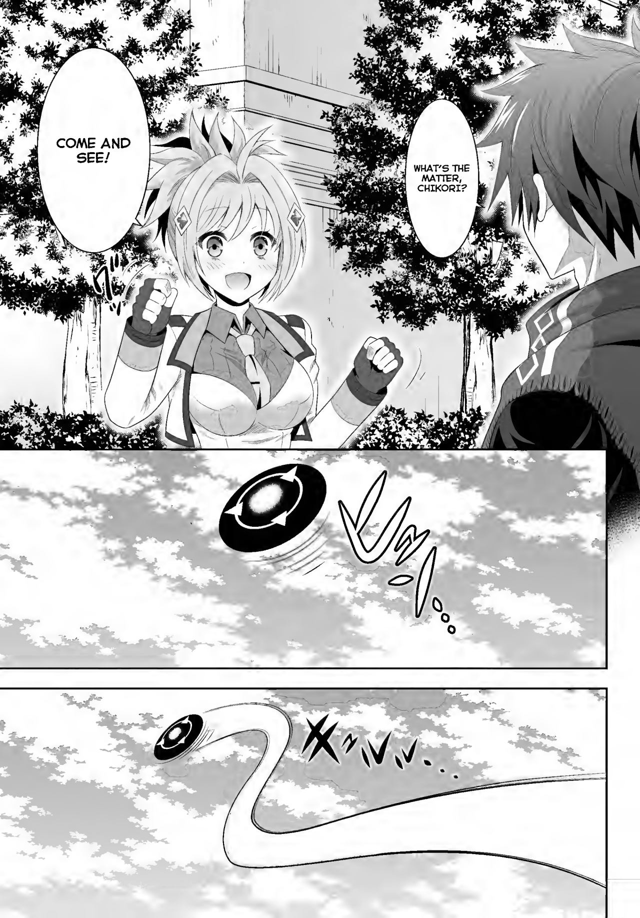
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHIKORI?
COME AND SEE!
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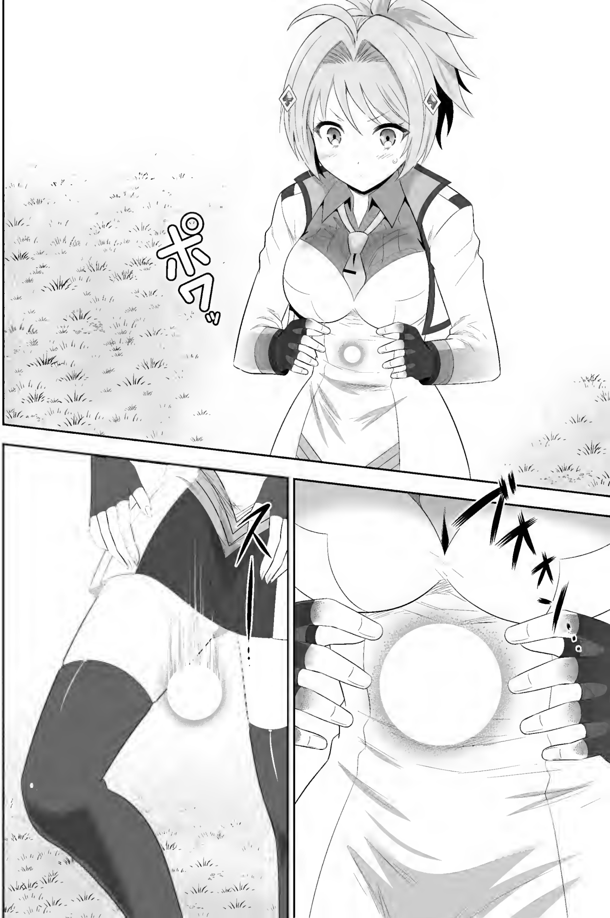
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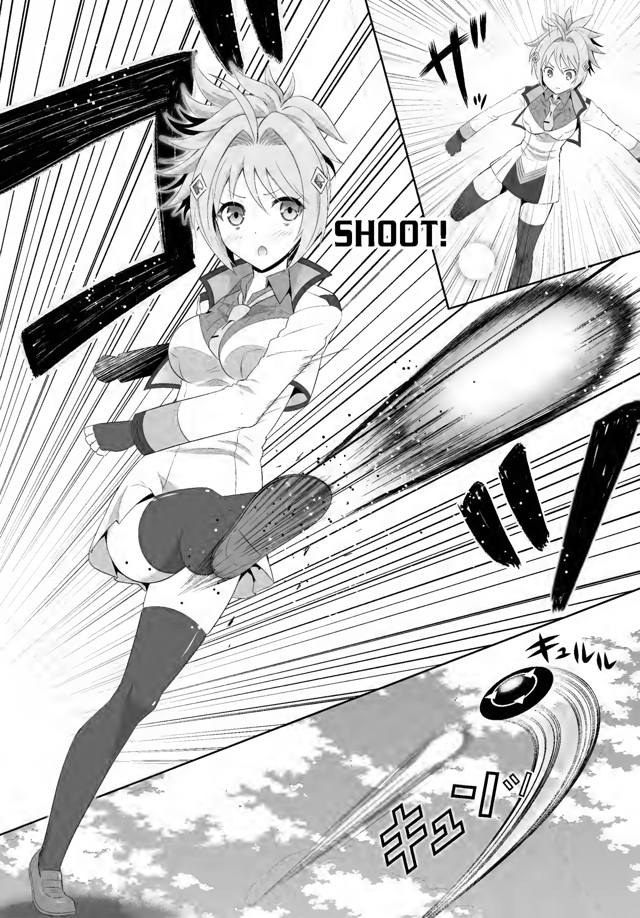
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SHOOT!
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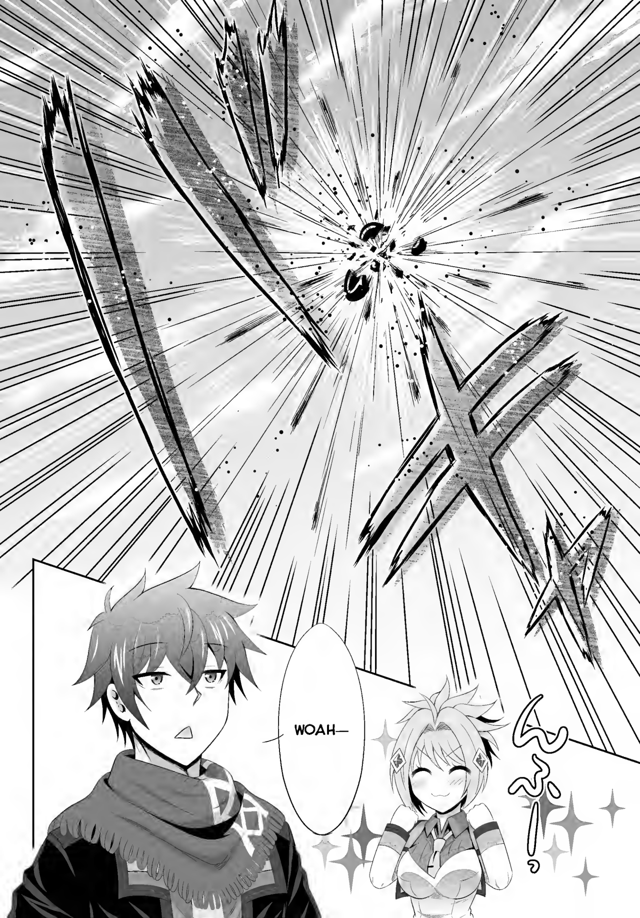
キュルル
キュー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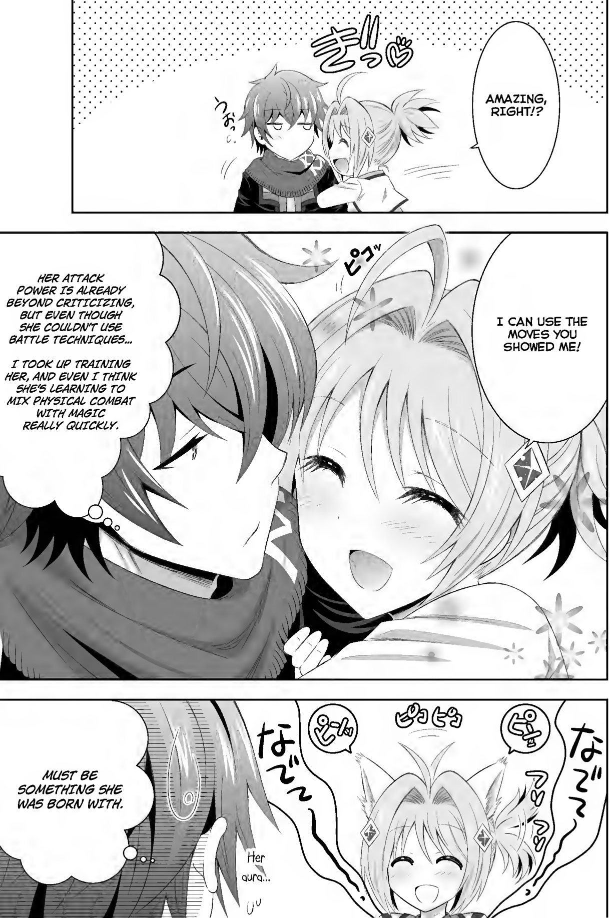
WOAH—


AMAZING, RIGHT!?
ぎゅっ♡
うおっ
I CAN USE THE MOVES YOU SHOWED ME!
ピコッ
HER ATTACK POWER IS ALREADY BEYOND CRITICIZING, BUT EVEN THOUGH SHE COULDN'T USE BATTLE TECHNIQUES...
I TOOK UP TRAINING HER, AND EVEN I THINK SHE'S LEARNING TO MIX PHYSICAL COMBAT WITH MAGIC REALLY QUICKLY.
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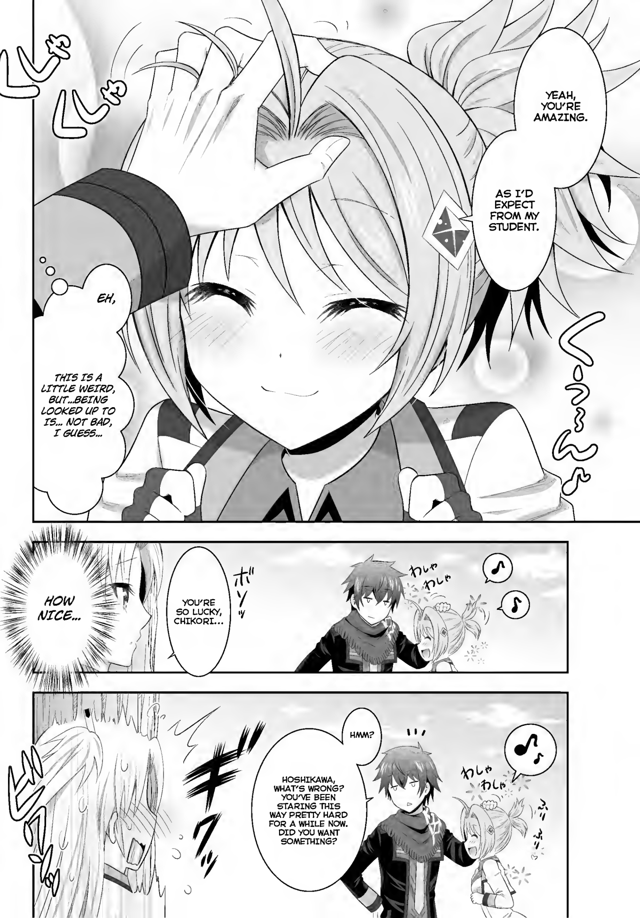
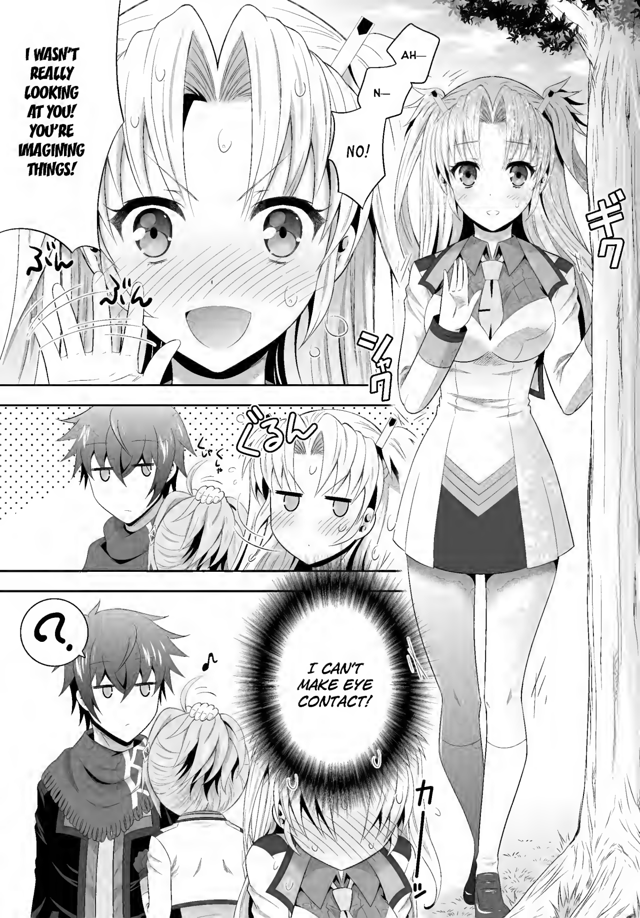
なでなで
MUST BE SOMETHING SHE WAS BORN WITH.
Her aura...


YEAH, YOU'RE AMAZING.
AS I'D EXPECT FROM MY STUDENT.
くぅ～ん♪
くしゃ
くしゃ
EH,
THIS IS A LITTLE WEIRD, BUT...BEING LOOKED UP TO IS... NOT BAD, I GUESS...
♪
♪
わしゃ わしゃ
ボソッ
YOU'RE SO LUCKY, CHIKORI...
HOW NICE...
♪♪
わしゃ わしゃ
ふり ふり
HMM?
HOSHIKAWA, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'VE BEEN STARING THIS WAY PRETTY HARD FOR A WHILE NOW. DID YOU WANT SOMETHING?
ギクッ
ビクゥッ


AH—
N—
NO!
ギク
I WASN'T REALLY LOOKING AT YOU! YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS!
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ぶん
シャク
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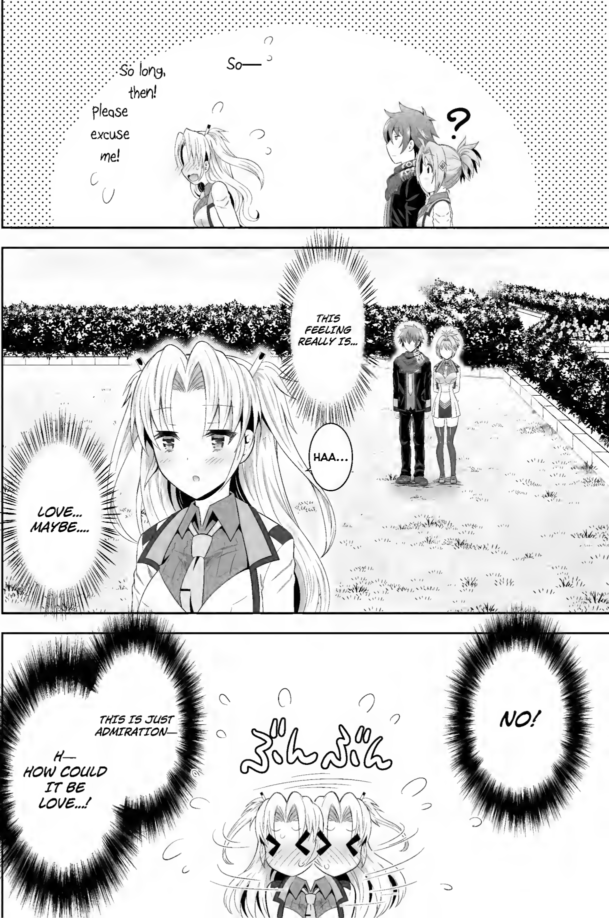
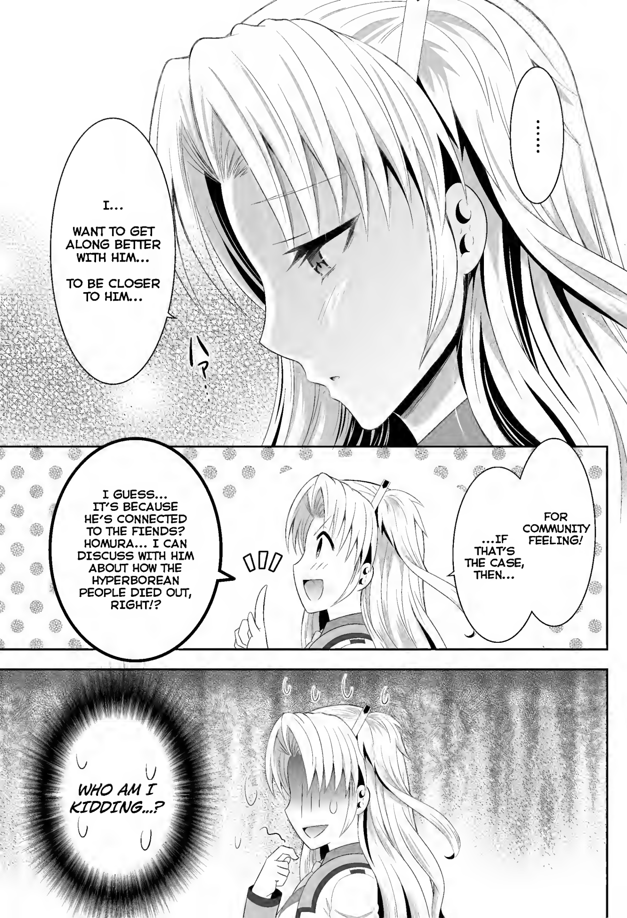
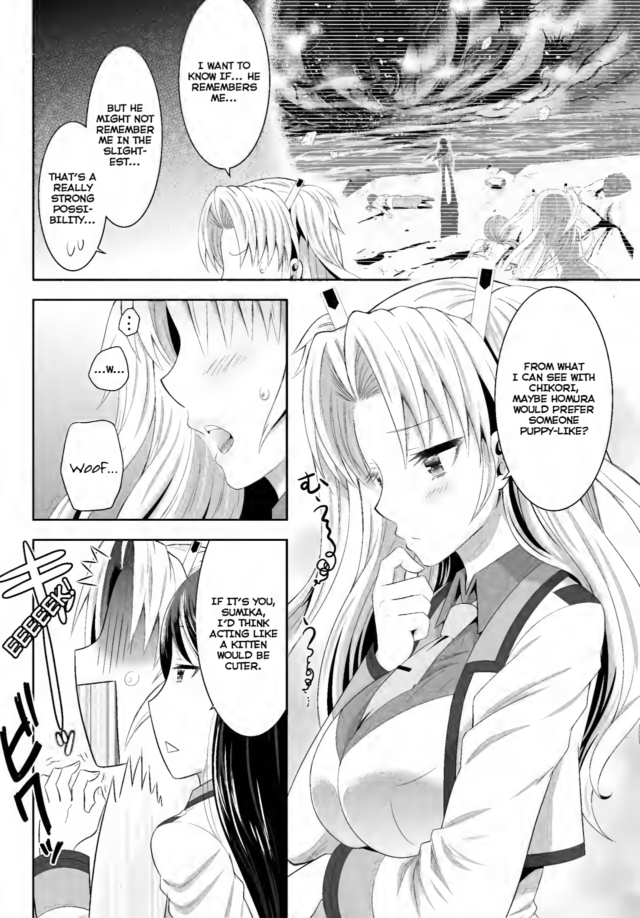
くしゃくしゃ
?
♪
I CAN'T MAKE EYE CONTACT!
カーーッ


So—
So long, then! Please excuse me!
?
THIS FEELING REALLY IS...
HAA...
LOVE... MAYBE....
NO!
ぶんぶん
THIS IS JUST ADMIRATION—
H— HOW COULD IT BE LOVE...!


……
I...
WANT TO GET ALONG BETTER WITH HIM...
TO BE CLOSER TO HIM...
ハァ…
...IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN...
FOR COMMUNITY FEELING!
I GUESS... IT'S BECAUSE HE'S CONNECTED TO THE FIENDS? HOMURA... I CAN DISCUSS WITH HIM ABOUT HOW THE HYPERBOREAN PEOPLE DIED OUT, RIGHT!?
WHO AM I KIDDING...?


I WANT TO KNOW IF... HE REMEMBERS ME...
BUT HE MIGHT NOT REMEMBER ME IN THE SLIGHTEST...
THAT'S A REALLY STRONG POSSIBILITY...
FROM WHAT I CAN SEE WITH CHIKORI, MAYBE HOMURA WOULD PREFER SOMEONE PUPPY-LIKE?
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...W...
WOOF...
IF IT'S YOU, SUMIKA, I'D THINK ACTING LIKE A KITTEN WOULD BE CUTER.
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EEEEEK!
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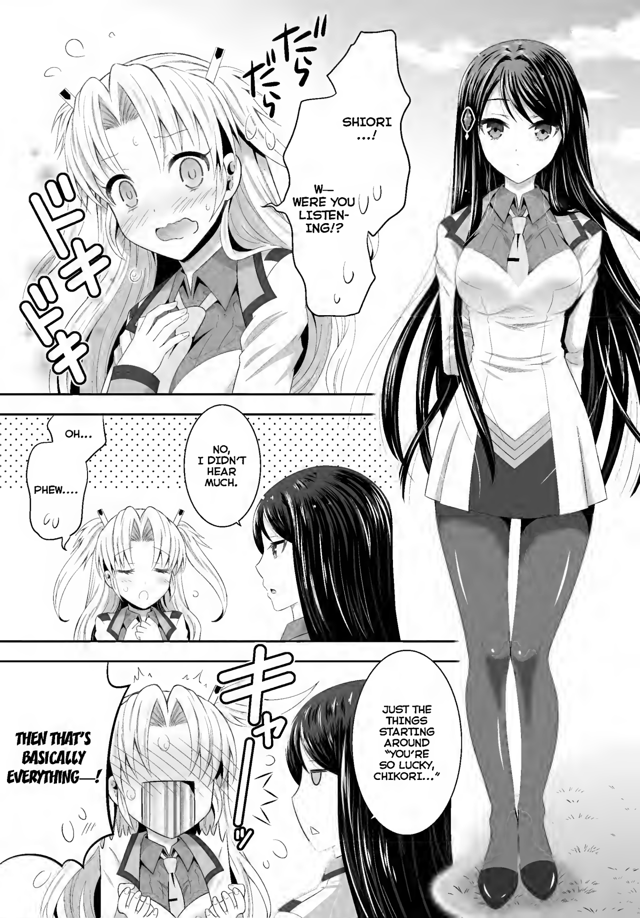
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SHIORI ...!
W— WERE YOU LISTENING!?
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NO, I DIDN'T HEAR MUCH.
OH... PHEW....
JUST THE THINGS STARTING AROUND "YOU'RE SO LUCKY, CHIKORI..."
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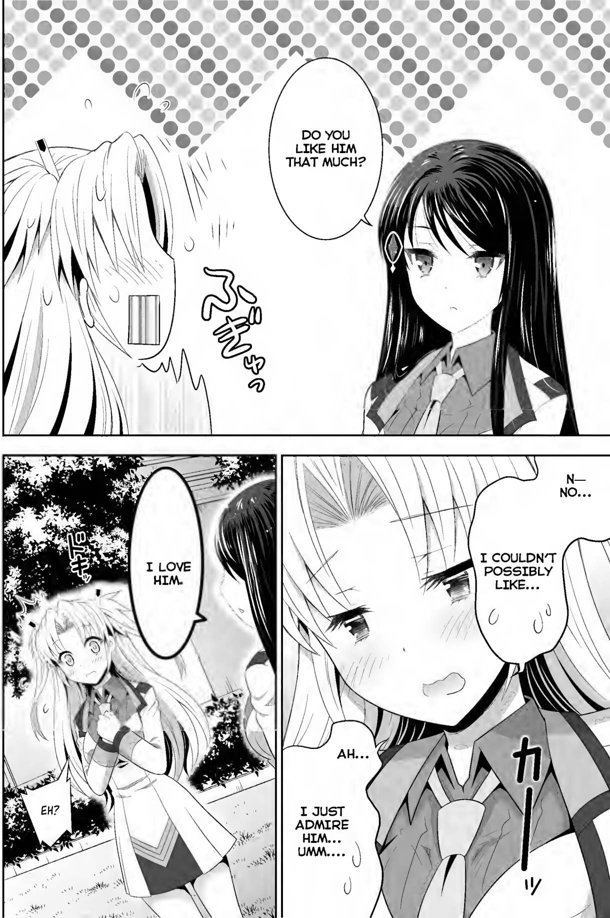
THEN THAT'S BASICALLY EVERYTHING—!


DO YOU LIKE HIM THAT MUCH?
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N— NO...
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY LIKE...
AH...
I JUST ADMIRE HIM... UMM....
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I LOVE HIM.
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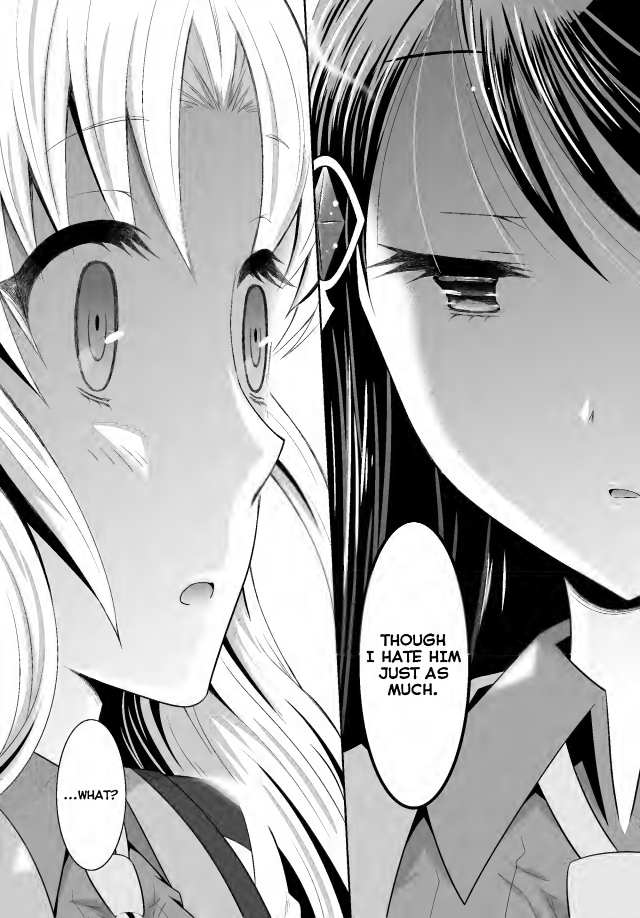
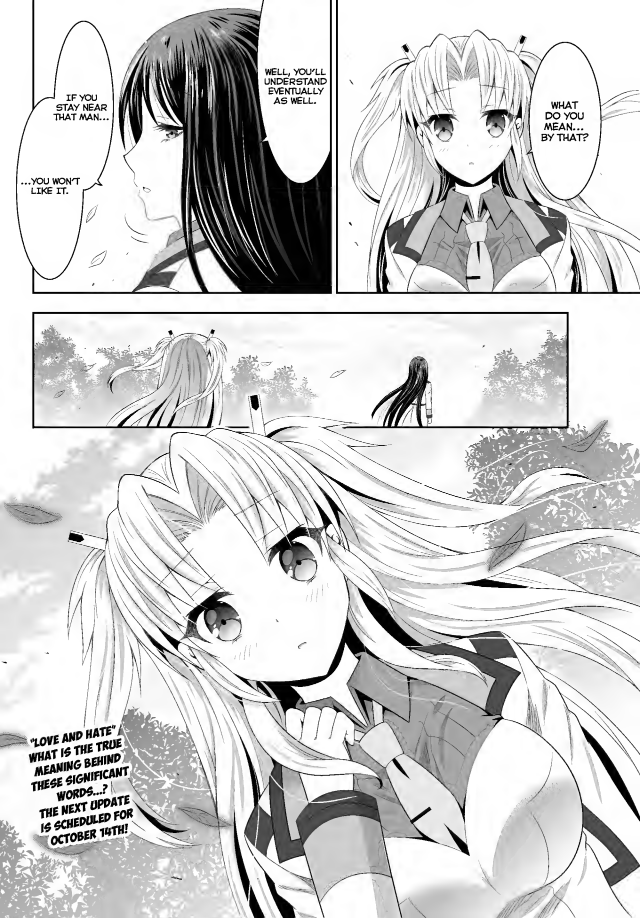
EH?


THOUGH I HATE HIM JUST AS MUCH.
...WHAT?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN… BY THAT?
WELL, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND EVENTUALLY AS WELL.
IF YOU STAY NEAR THAT MAN…
…YOU WON'T LIKE IT.

"LOVE AND HATE" WHAT IS THE TRUE MEANING BEHIND THESE SIGNIFICANT WORDS…? THE NEXT UPDATE IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14TH!

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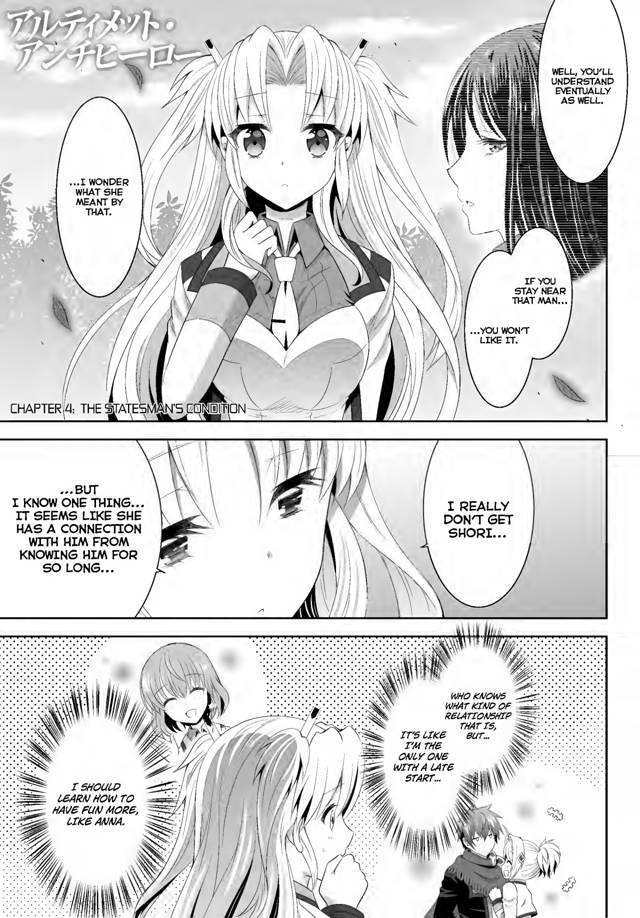
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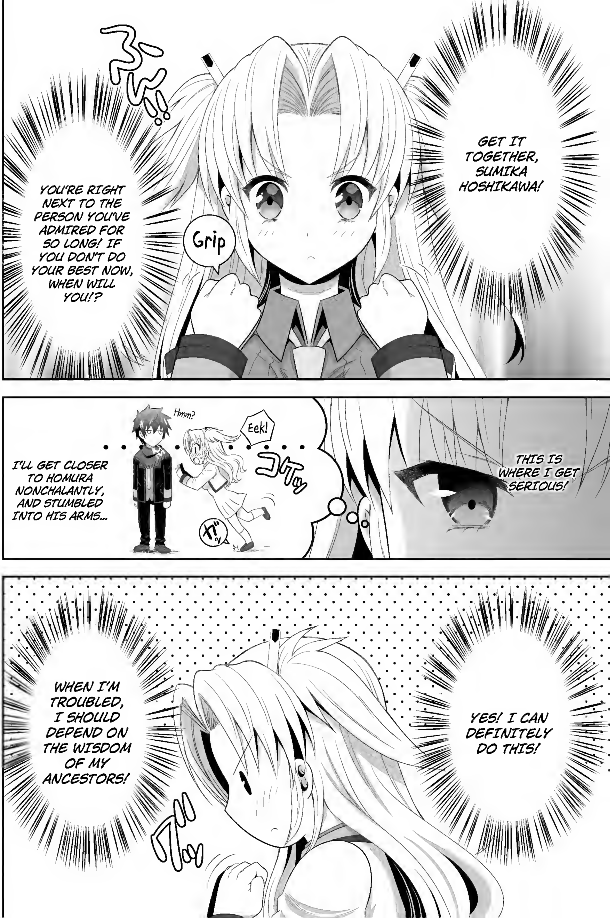
WELL, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND EVENTUALLY AS WELL.
IF YOU STAY NEAR THAT MAN...
...YOU WON'T LIKE IT.
...I WONDER WHAT SHE MEANT BY THAT.
I REALLY DON'T GET SHORI...
...BUT I KNOW ONE THING... IT SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS A CONNECTION WITH HIM FROM KNOWING HIM FOR SO LONG...
WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THAT IS, BUT...
IT'S LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH A LATE START...
I SHOULD LEARN HOW TO HAVE FUN MORE, LIKE ANNA.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GET IT TOGETHER, SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA!
YOU'RE RIGHT NEXT TO THE PERSON YOU'VE ADMIRED FOR SO LONG! IF YOU DON'T DO YOUR BEST NOW, WHEN WILL YOU!?
Grip
THIS IS WHERE I GET SERIOUS!
Eek!
Hmm?
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I'LL GET CLOSER TO HOMURA NONCHALANTLY, AND STUMBLED INTO HIS ARMS...
YES! I CAN DEFINITELY DO THIS!
WHEN I'M TROUBLED, I SHOULD DEPEND ON THE WISDOM OF MY ANCESTORS!
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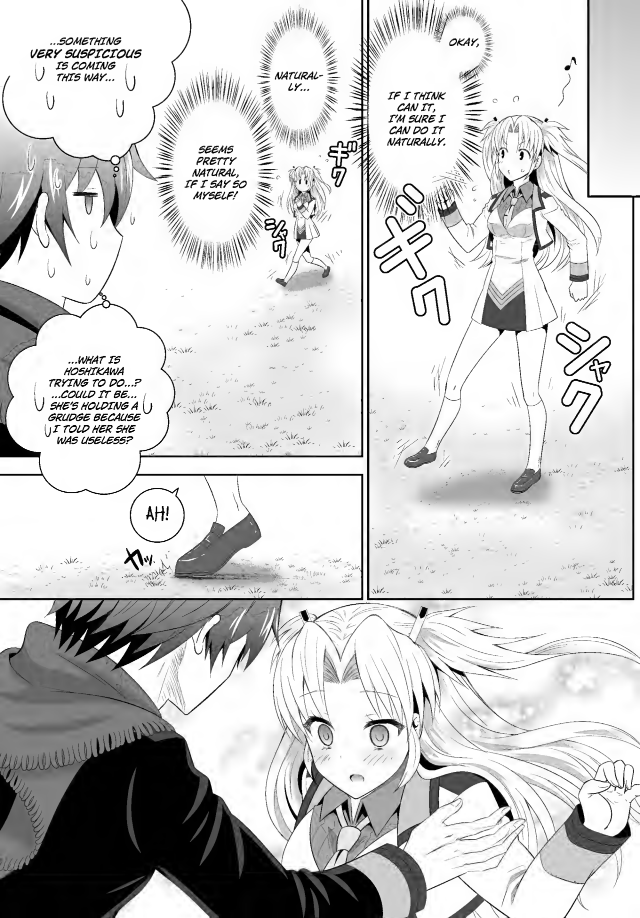
OKAY,
IF I THINK CAN IT, I'M SURE I CAN DO IT NATURALLY.
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NATURAL-LY...
SEEMS PRETTY NATURAL, IF I SAY SO MYSELF!
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...SOMETHING VERY SUSPICIOUS IS COMING THIS WAY...
...WHAT IS HOSHIKAWA TRYING TO DO...? ...COULD IT BE... SHE'S HOLDING A GRUDGE BECAUSE I TOLD HER SHE WAS USELESS?
AH!
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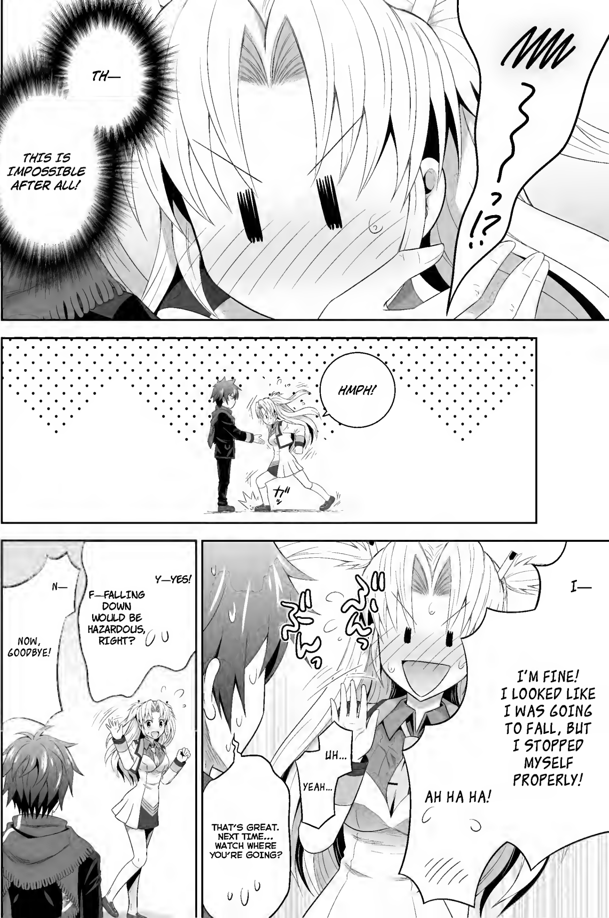
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TH—
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE AFTER ALL!
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I—
I'M FINE! I LOOKED LIKE I WAS GOING TO FALL, BUT I STOPPED MYSELF PROPERLY!
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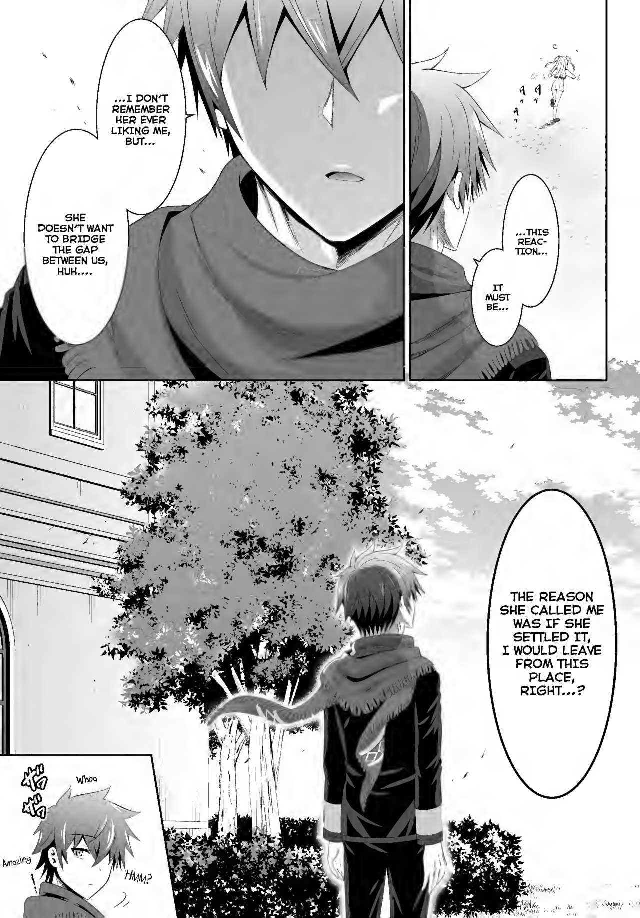
AH HA HA!
UH... YEAH...
THAT'S GREAT. NEXT TIME... WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING?
Y—YES! F—FALLING DOWN WOULD BE HAZARDOUS, RIGHT?
N— NOW, GOODBYE!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...THIS REACTION...
IT MUST BE...
...I DON'T REMEMBER HER EVER LIKING ME, BUT...
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN US, HUH....
THE REASON SHE CALLED ME WAS IF SHE SETTLED IT, I WOULD LEAVE FROM THIS PLACE, RIGHT...?
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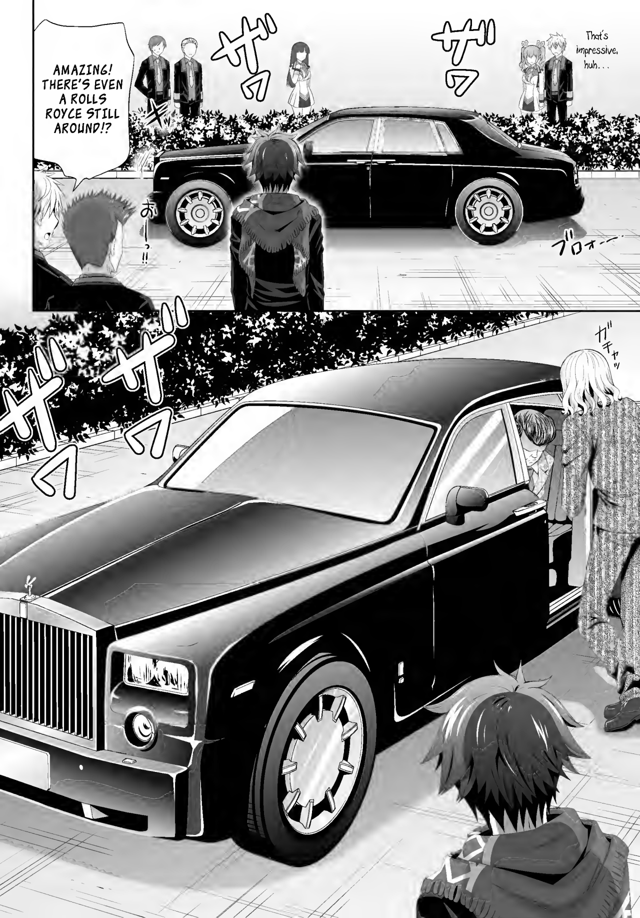
Whoa
Amazing
HMM?


That's impressive, huh...
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AMAZING! THERE'S EVEN A ROLLS ROYCE STILL AROUND!?
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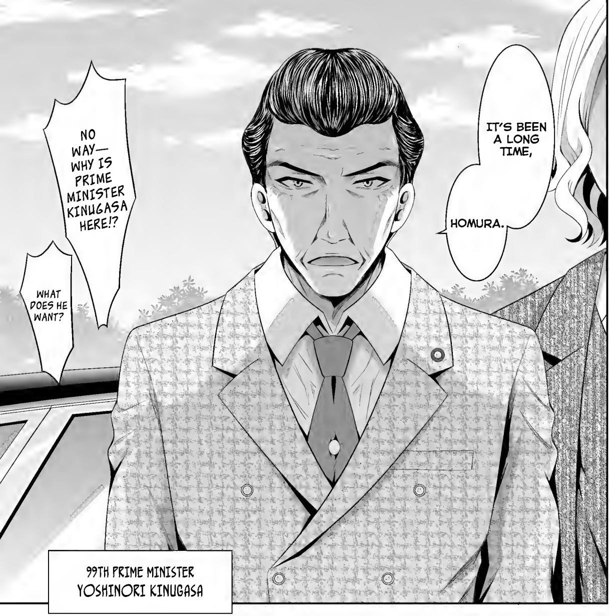
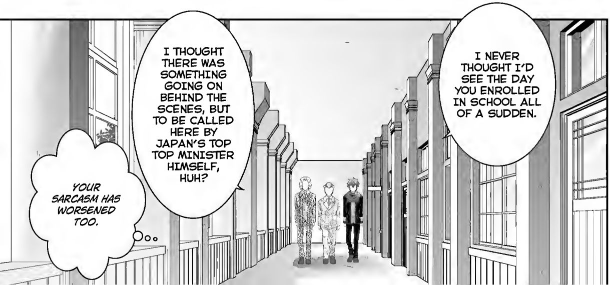
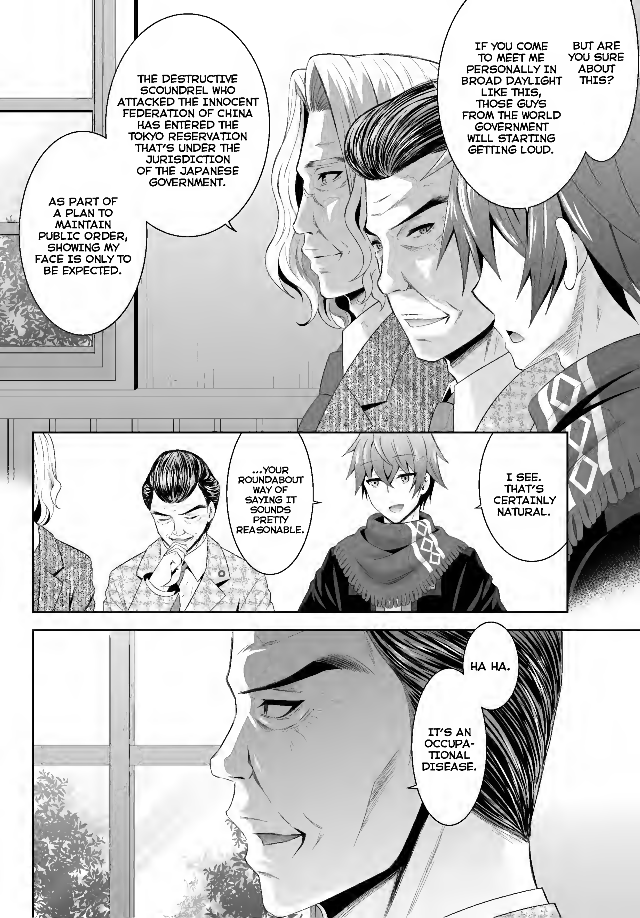
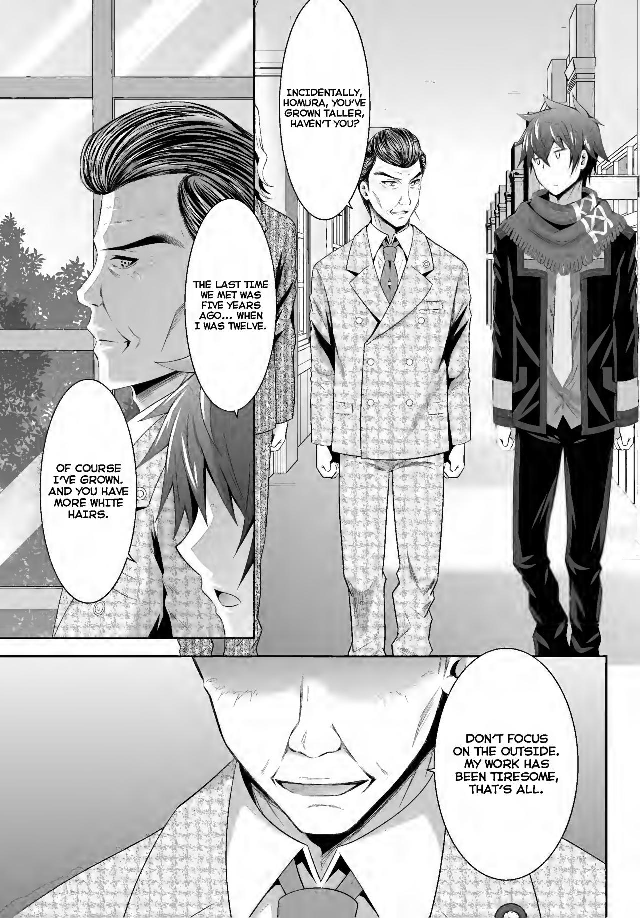
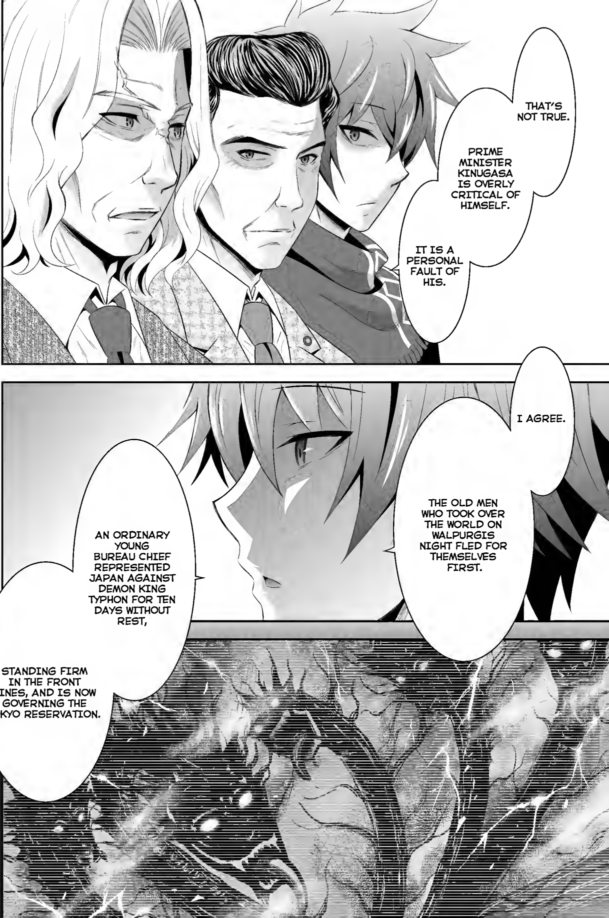
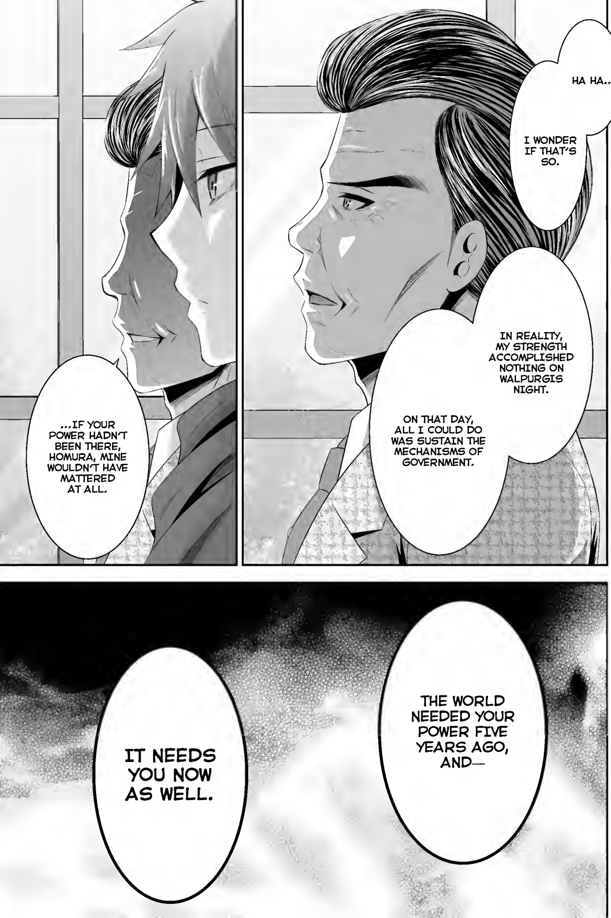

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME,
HOMURA.
NO WAY—WHY IS PRIME MINISTER KINUGASA HERE!?
WHAT DOES HE WANT?
99TH PRIME MINISTER YOSHINORI KINUGASA

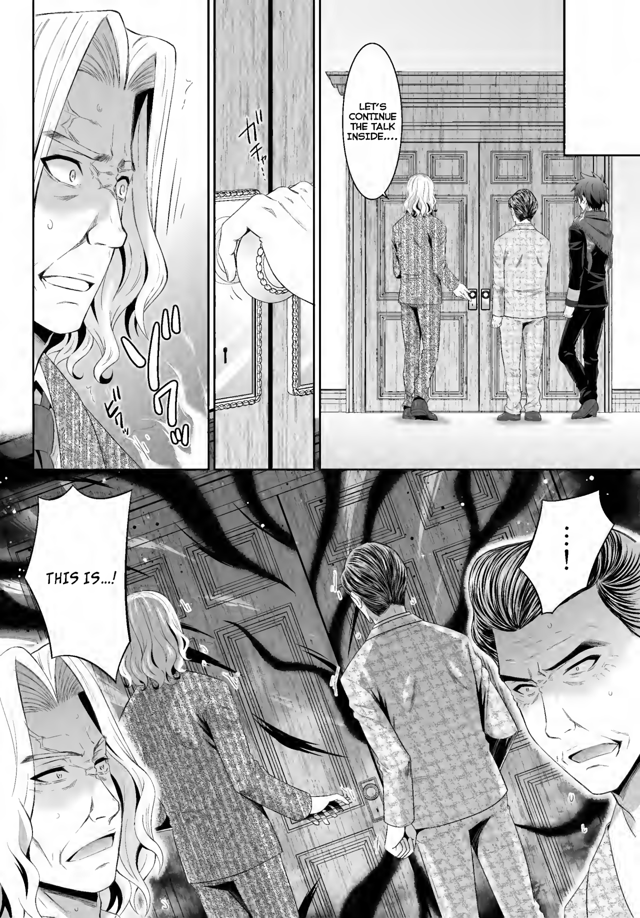

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY YOU ENROLLED IN SCHOOL ALL OF A SUDDEN.
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT TO BE CALLED HERE BY JAPAN'S TOP TOP MINISTER HIMSELF, HUH?
YOUR SARCASM HAS WORSENED TOO.


BUT ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
IF YOU COME TO MEET ME PERSONALLY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT LIKE THIS, THOSE GUYS FROM THE WORLD GOVERNMENT WILL STARTING GETTING LOUD.
THE DESTRUCTIVE SCOUNDREL WHO ATTACKED THE INNOCENT FEDERATION OF CHINA HAS ENTERED THE TOKYO RESERVATION THAT'S UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.
AS PART OF A PLAN TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER, SHOWING MY FACE IS ONLY TO BE EXPECTED.
I SEE. THAT'S CERTAINLY NATURAL.
...YOUR ROUNDABOUT WAY OF SAYING IT SOUNDS PRETTY REASONABLE.
HA HA.
IT'S AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE.


INCIDENTALLY, HOMURA, YOU'VE GROWN TALLER, HAVEN'T YOU?
THE LAST TIME WE MET WAS FIVE YEARS AGO... WHEN I WAS TWELVE.
OF COURSE I'VE GROWN. AND YOU HAVE MORE WHITE HAIRS.
DON'T FOCUS ON THE OUTSIDE. MY WORK HAS BEEN TIRESOME, THAT'S ALL.


THAT'S NOT TRUE.
PRIME MINISTER KINUGASA IS OVERLY CRITICAL OF HIMSELF.
IT IS A PERSONAL FAULT OF HIS.
I AGREE.
THE OLD MEN WHO TOOK OVER THE WORLD ON WALPURGIS NIGHT FLED FOR THEMSELVES FIRST.
AN ORDINARY YOUNG BUREAU CHIEF REPRESENTED JAPAN AGAINST DEMON KING TYPHON FOR TEN DAYS WITHOUT REST,
STANDING FIRM IN THE FRONT LINES, AND IS NOW GOVERNING THE TOKYO RESERVATION.


HA HA...
I WONDER IF THAT'S SO.
IN REALITY, MY STRENGTH ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING ON WALPURGIS NIGHT.
ON THAT DAY, ALL I COULD DO WAS SUSTAIN THE MECHANISMS OF GOVERNMENT.
...IF YOUR POWER HADN'T BEEN THERE, HOMURA, MINE WOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED AT ALL.
THE WORLD NEEDED YOUR POWER FIVE YEARS AGO, AND—
IT NEEDS YOU NOW AS WELL.


LET'S CONTINUE THE TALK INSIDE....
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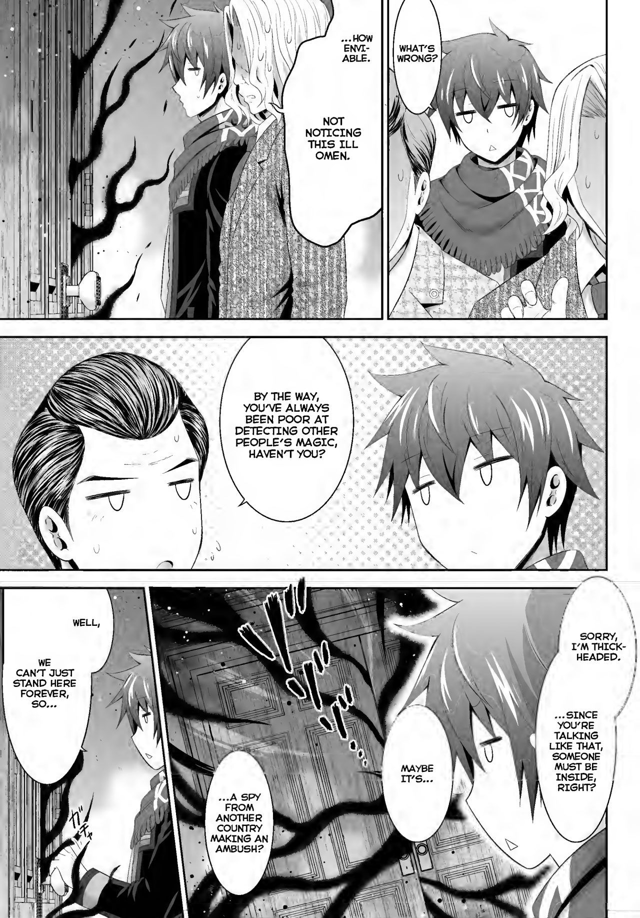
THIS IS...!


WHAT'S WRONG?
...HOW ENVIABLE.
NOT NOTICING THIS ILL OMEN.
BY THE WAY, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN POOR AT DETECTING OTHER PEOPLE'S MAGIC, HAVEN'T YOU?
SORRY, I'M THICK-HEADED.
...SINCE YOU'RE TALKING LIKE THAT, SOMEONE MUST BE INSIDE, RIGHT?
MAYBE IT'S...
...A SPY FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY MAKING AN AMBUSH?
WELL,
WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE FOREVER, SO...
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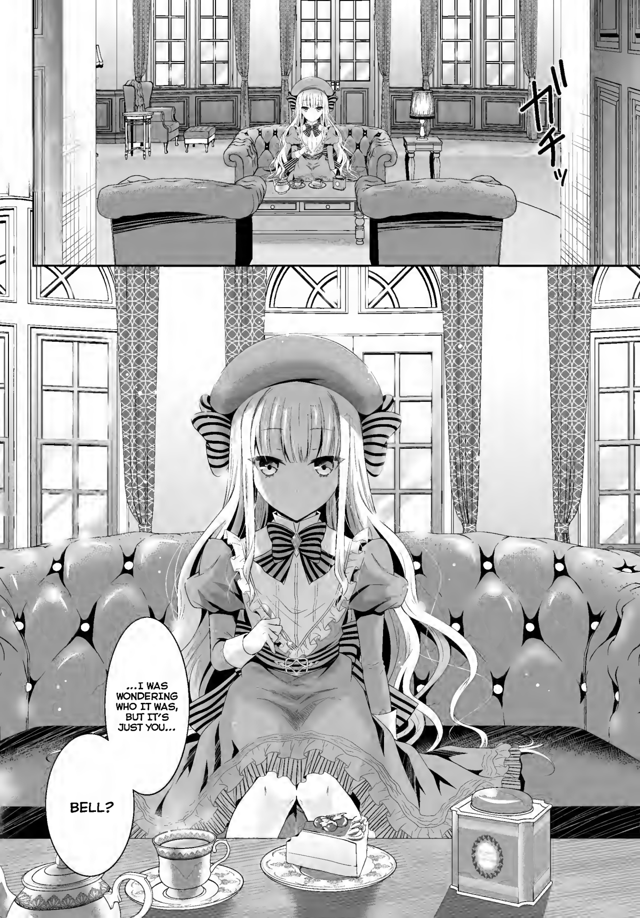
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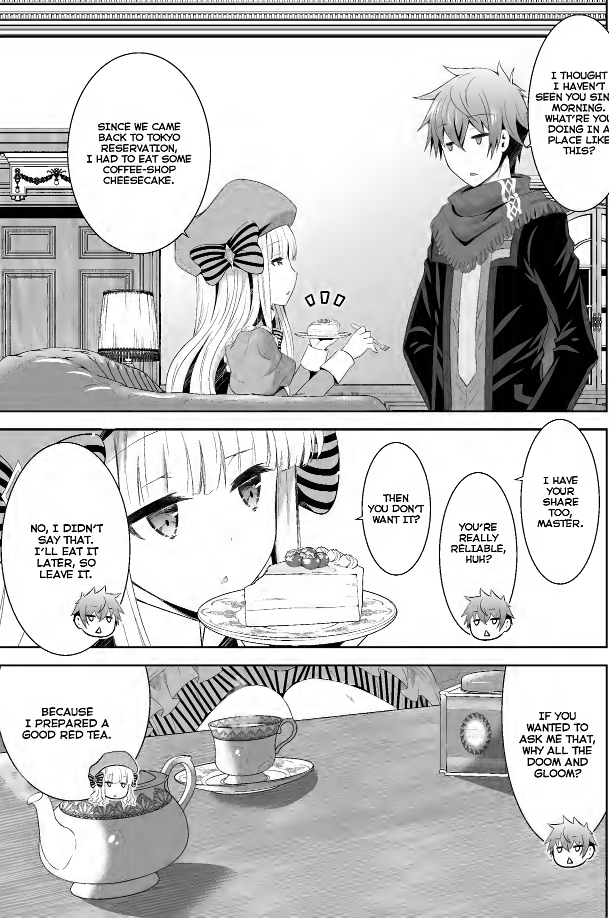
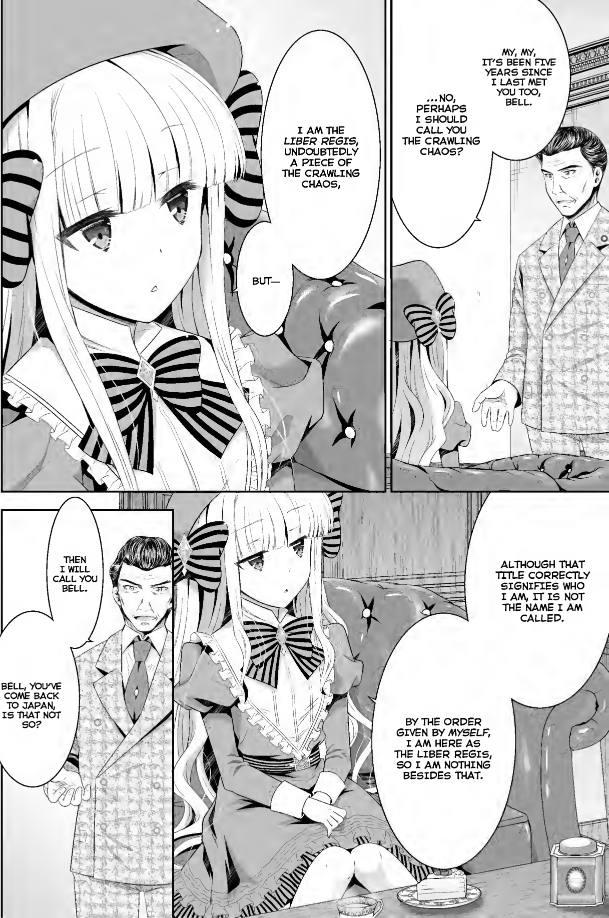
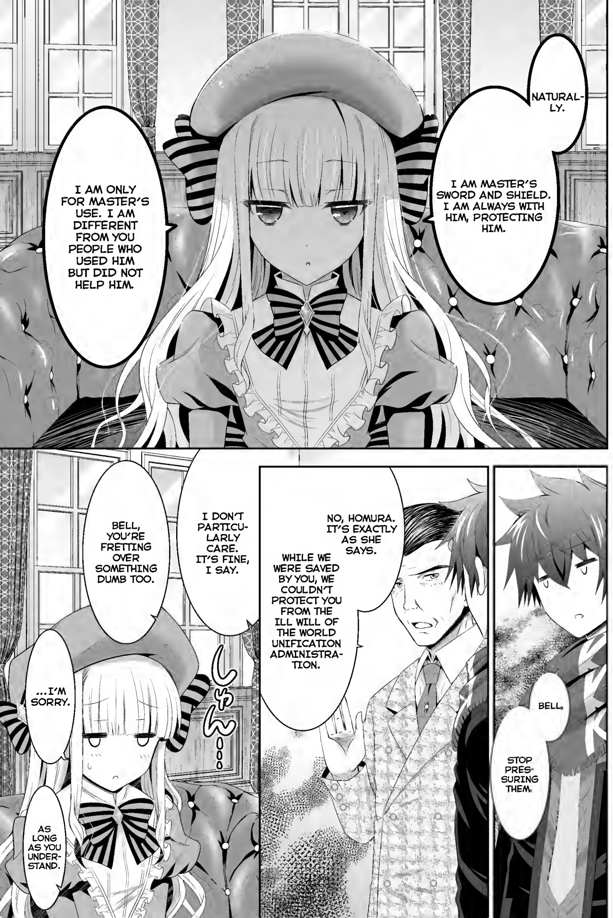
...I WAS WONDERING WHO IT WAS, BUT IT'S JUST YOU...
BELL?


I THOUGHT I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE MORNING. WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
SINCE WE CAME BACK TO TOKYO RESERVATION, I HAD TO EAT SOME COFFEE-SHOP CHEESECAKE.
I HAVE YOUR SHARE TOO, MASTER.
YOU'RE REALLY RELIABLE, HUH?
THEN YOU DON'T WANT IT?
NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I'LL EAT IT LATER, SO LEAVE IT.
IF YOU WANTED TO ASK ME THAT, WHY ALL THE DOOM AND GLOOM?
BECAUSE I PREPARED A GOOD RED TEA.


MY, MY, IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE I LAST MET YOU TOO, BELL.
...NO, PERHAPS I SHOULD CALL YOU THE CRAWLING CHAOS?
I AM THE *LIBER REGIS*, UNDOUBTEDLY A PIECE OF THE CRAWLING CHAOS,
BUT—
ALTHOUGH THAT TITLE CORRECTLY SIGNIFIES WHO I AM, IT IS NOT THE NAME I AM CALLED.
BY THE ORDER GIVEN BY *MYSELF*, I AM HERE AS THE LIBER REGIS, SO I AM NOTHING BESIDES THAT.
THEN I WILL CALL YOU BELL.
BELL, YOU'VE COME BACK TO JAPAN, IS THAT NOT SO?


NATURALLY.
I AM MASTER'S SWORD AND SHIELD. I AM ALWAYS WITH HIM, PROTECTING HIM.
I AM ONLY FOR MASTER'S USE. I AM DIFFERENT FROM YOU PEOPLE WHO USED HIM BUT DID NOT HELP HIM.
BELL,
STOP PRESSURING THEM.
NO, HOMURA. IT'S EXACTLY AS SHE SAYS.
WHILE WE WERE SAVED BY YOU, WE COULDN'T PROTECT YOU FROM THE ILL WILL OF THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION.
I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE. IT'S FINE, I SAY.
BELL, YOU'RE FRETTING OVER SOMETHING DUMB TOO.
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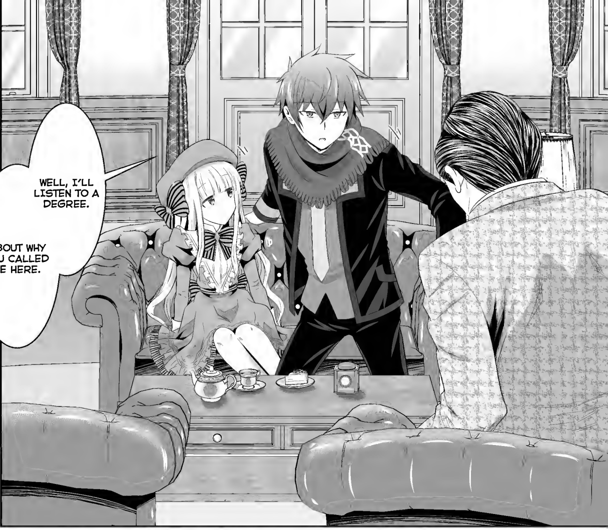
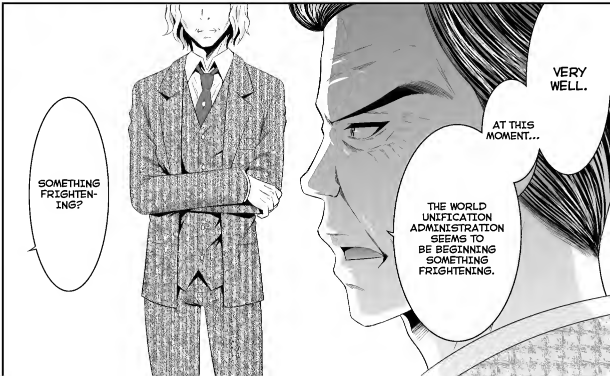
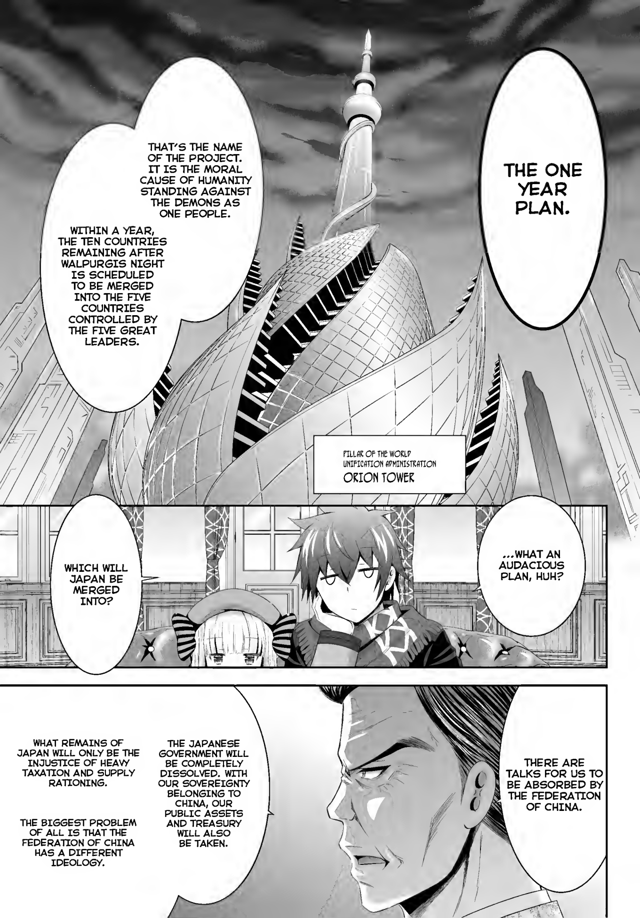
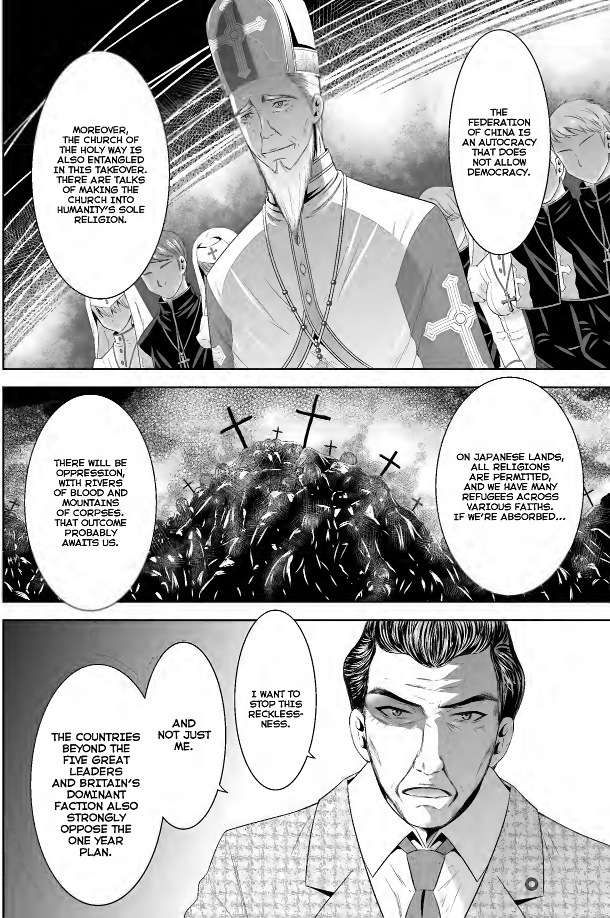
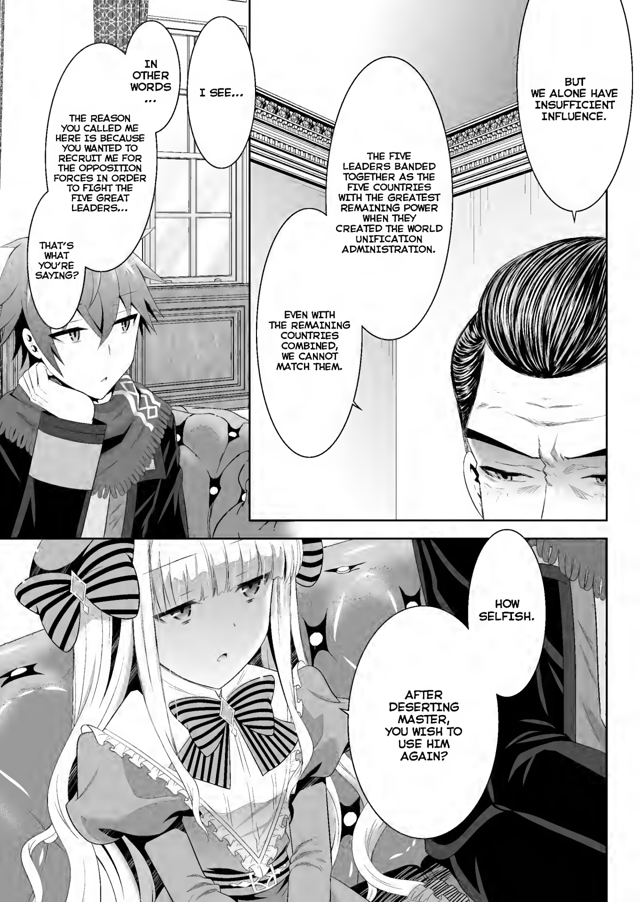
...I'M SORRY.
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND.

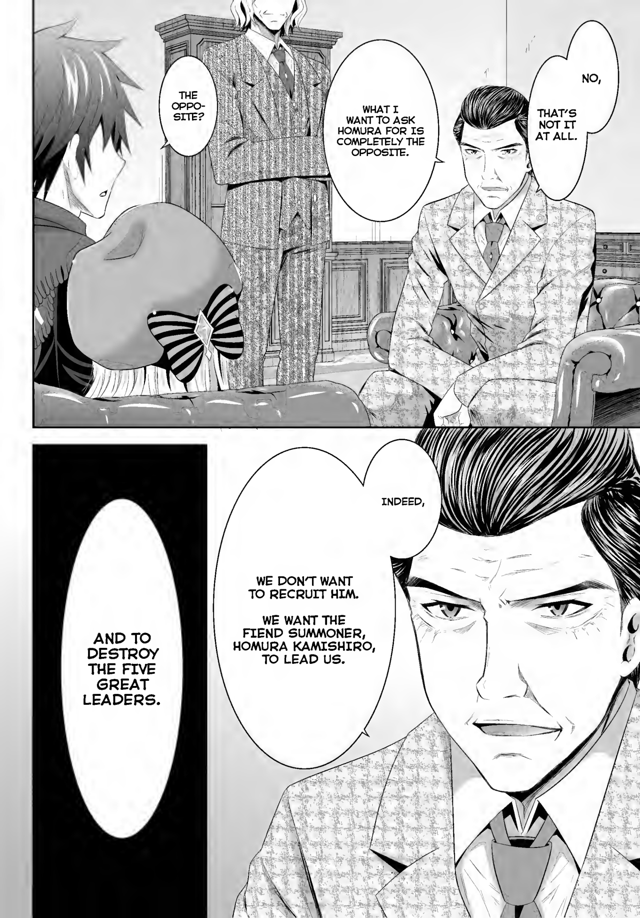

WELL, I'LL LISTEN TO A DEGREE.
ABOUT WHY YOU CALLED ME HERE.

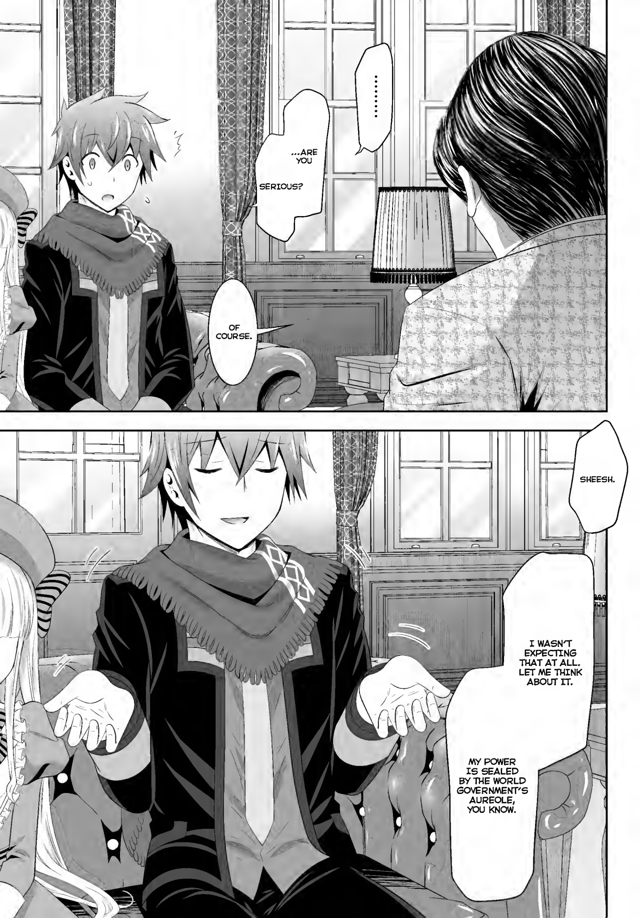

VERY WELL.
AT THIS MOMENT...
THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION SEEMS TO BE BEGINNING SOMETHING FRIGHTENING.
SOMETHING FRIGHTEN-ING?


THE ONE YEAR PLAN.
THAT'S THE NAME OF THE PROJECT. IT IS THE MORAL CAUSE OF HUMANITY STANDING AGAINST THE DEMONS AS ONE PEOPLE.
WITHIN A YEAR, THE TEN COUNTRIES REMAINING AFTER WALPURGIS NIGHT IS SCHEDULED TO BE MERGED INTO THE FIVE COUNTRIES CONTROLLED BY THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS.
PILLAR OF THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION ORION TOWER
...WHAT AN AUDACIOUS PLAN, HUH?
WHICH WILL JAPAN BE MERGED INTO?
THERE ARE TALKS FOR US TO BE ABSORBED BY THE FEDERATION OF CHINA.
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE COMPLETELY DISSOLVED. WITH OUR SOVEREIGNTY BELONGING TO CHINA, OUR PUBLIC ASSETS AND TREASURY WILL ALSO BE TAKEN.
WHAT REMAINS OF JAPAN WILL ONLY BE THE INJUSTICE OF HEAVY TAXATION AND SUPPLY RATIONING.
THE BIGGEST PROBLEM OF ALL IS THAT THE FEDERATION OF CHINA HAS A DIFFERENT IDEOLOGY.


THE FEDERATION OF CHINA IS AN AUTOCRACY THAT DOES NOT ALLOW DEMOCRACY.
MOREOVER, THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY WAY IS ALSO ENTANGLED IN THIS TAKEOVER. THERE ARE TALKS OF MAKING THE CHURCH INTO HUMANITY'S SOLE RELIGION.
ON JAPANESE LANDS, ALL RELIGIONS ARE PERMITTED, AND WE HAVE MANY REFUGEES ACROSS VARIOUS FAITHS. IF WE'RE ABSORBED...
THERE WILL BE OPPRESSION, WITH RIVERS OF BLOOD AND MOUNTAINS OF CORPSES. THAT OUTCOME PROBABLY AWAITS US.
I WANT TO STOP THIS RECKLESSNESS.
AND NOT JUST ME.
THE COUNTRIES BEYOND THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS AND BRITAIN'S DOMINANT FACTION ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSE THE ONE YEAR PLAN.


BUT WE ALONE HAVE INSUFFICIENT INFLUENCE.
THE FIVE LEADERS BANDED TOGETHER AS THE FIVE COUNTRIES WITH THE GREATEST REMAINING POWER WHEN THEY CREATED THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION.
EVEN WITH THE REMAINING COUNTRIES COMBINED, WE CANNOT MATCH THEM.
I SEE...
IN OTHER WORDS... THE REASON YOU CALLED ME HERE IS BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO RECRUIT ME FOR THE OPPOSITION FORCES IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS...
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
HOW SELFISH.
AFTER DESERTING MASTER, YOU WISH TO USE HIM AGAIN?


NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.
WHAT I WANT TO ASK HOMURA FOR IS COMPLETELY THE OPPOSITE.
THE OPPOSITE?
INDEED, WE DON'T WANT TO RECRUIT HIM. WE WANT THE FIEND SUMMONER, HOMURA KAMISHIRO, TO LEAD US.
AND TO DESTROY THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS.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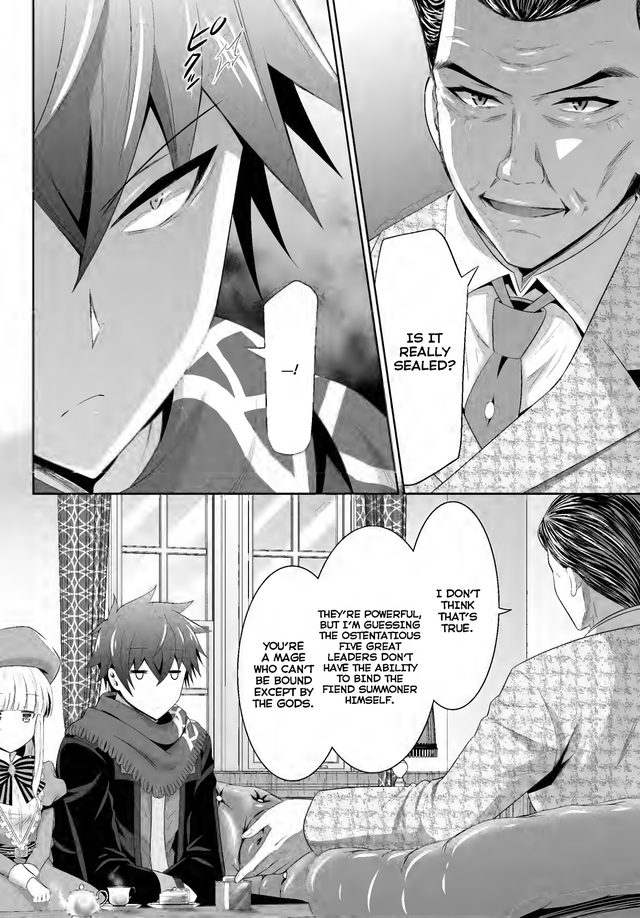
...ARE YOU SERIOUS?
OF COURSE.
SHEESH.
I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT AT ALL. LET ME THINK ABOUT IT.
MY POWER IS SEALED BY THE WORLD GOVERNMENT'S AUREOLE, YOU KNOW.


IS IT REALLY SEALED?
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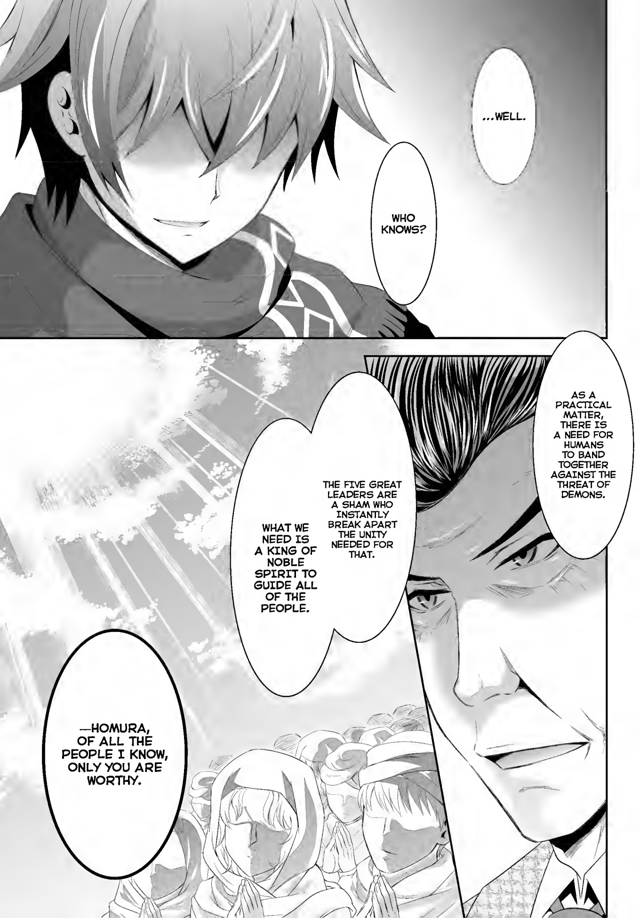
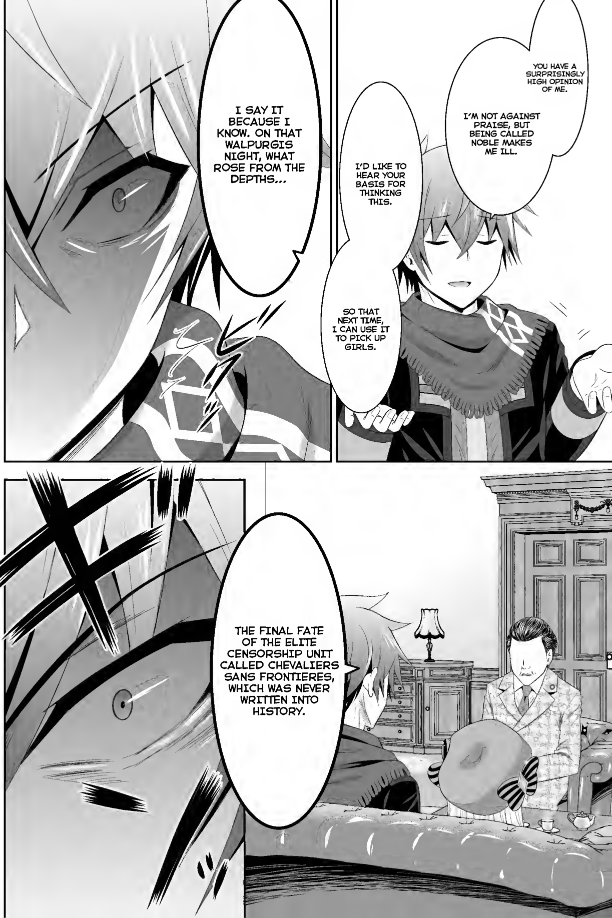
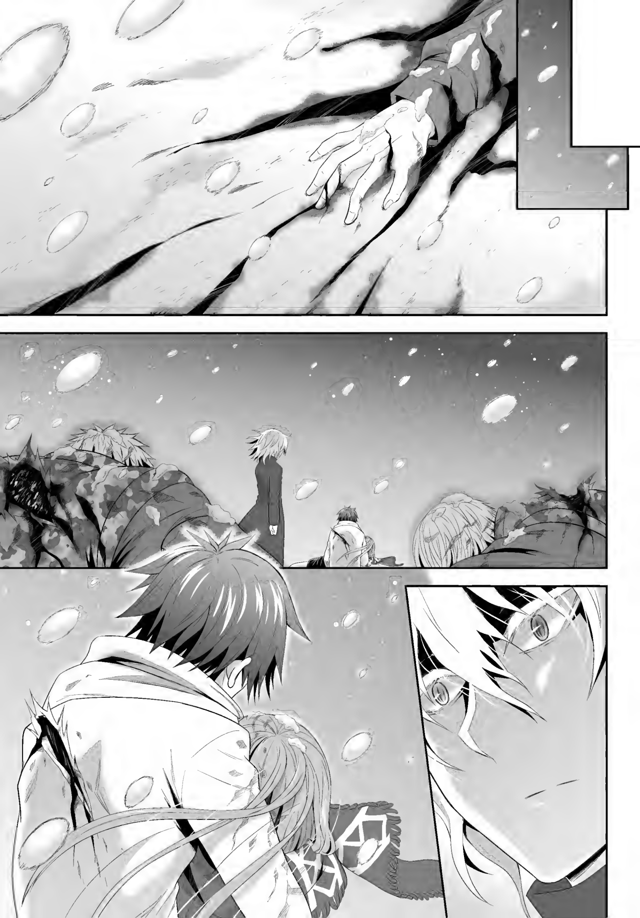
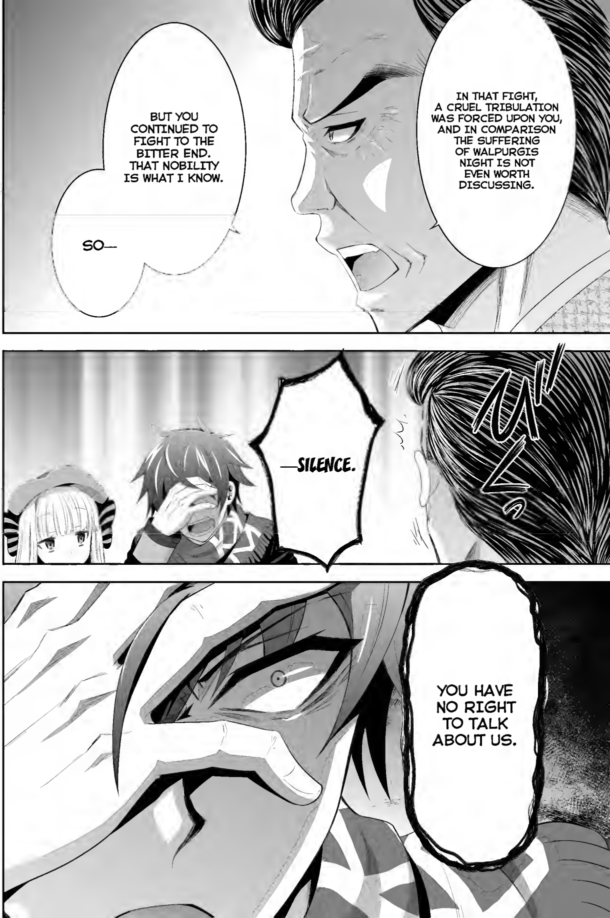
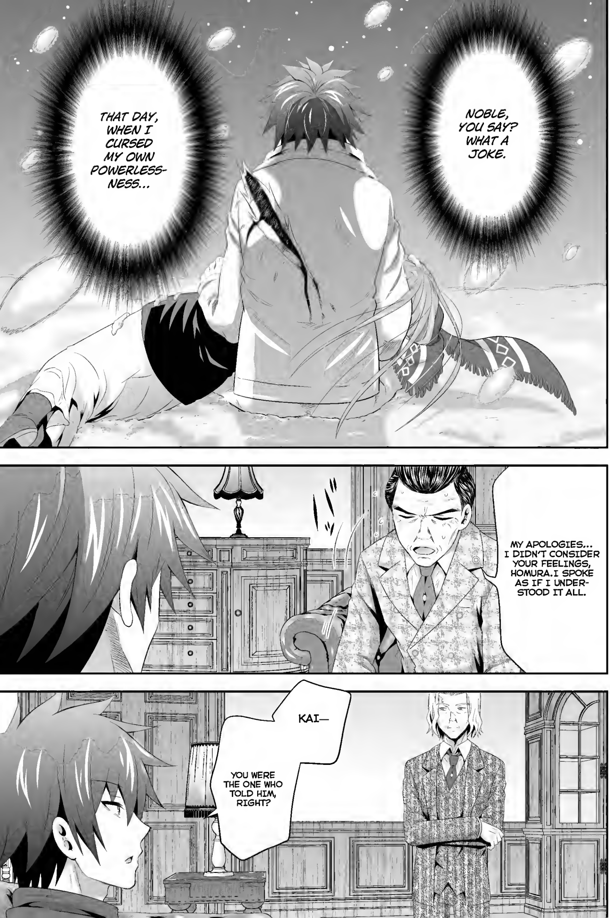
—!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.
THEY'RE POWERFUL, BUT I'M GUESSING THE OSTENTATIOUS FIVE GREAT LEADERS DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO BIND THE FIEND SUMMONER HIMSELF.
YOU'RE A MAGE WHO CAN'T BE BOUND EXCEPT BY THE GODS.

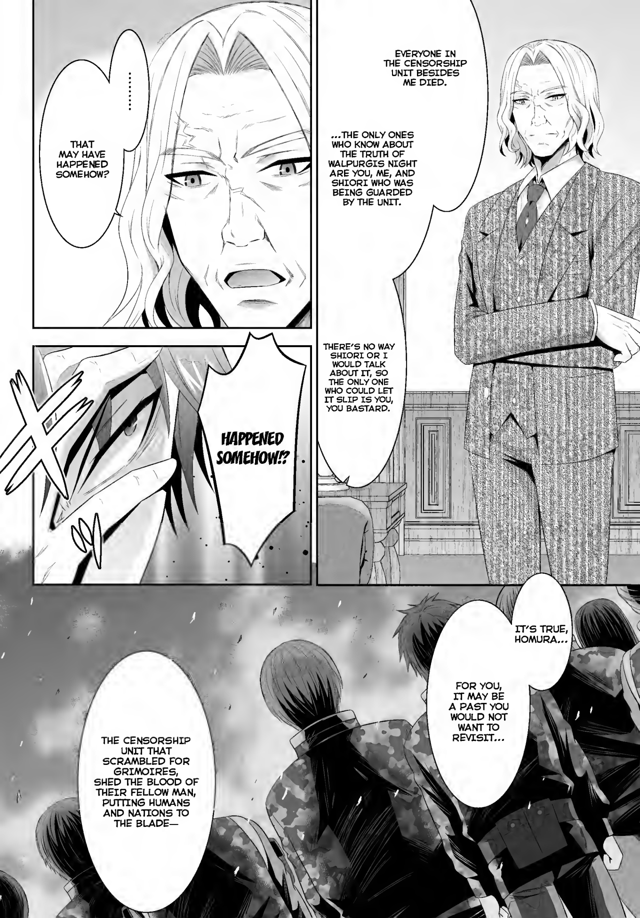

...WELL.
WHO KNOWS?
AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THERE IS A NEED FOR HUMANS TO BAND TOGETHER AGAINST THE THREAT OF DEMONS.
THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS ARE A SHAM WHO INSTANTLY BREAK APART THE UNITY NEEDED FOR THAT.
WHAT WE NEED IS A KING OF NOBLE SPIRIT TO GUIDE ALL OF THE PEOPLE.
—HOMURA, OF ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW, ONLY YOU ARE WORTHY.


YOU HAVE A SURPRISINGLY HIGH OPINION OF ME.
I'M NOT AGAINST PRAISE, BUT BEING CALLED NOBLE MAKES ME ILL.
I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR BASIS FOR THINKING THIS.
SO THAT NEXT TIME, I CAN USE IT TO PICK UP GIRLS.
I SAY IT BECAUSE I KNOW. ON THAT WALPURGIS NIGHT, WHAT ROSE FROM THE DEPTHS...
THE FINAL FATE OF THE ELITE CENSORSHIP UNIT CALLED CHEVALIERS SANS FRONTIERES, WHICH WAS NEVER WRITTEN INTO HISTORY.




IN THAT FIGHT, A CRUEL TRIBULATION WAS FORCED UPON YOU, AND IN COMPARISON THE SUFFERING OF WALPURGIS NIGHT IS NOT EVEN WORTH DISCUSSING.
BUT YOU CONTINUED TO FIGHT TO THE BITTER END. THAT NOBILITY IS WHAT I KNOW.
SO—
—SILENCE.
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT US.


NOBLE, YOU SAY? WHAT A JOKE.
THAT DAY, WHEN I CURSED MY OWN POWERLESSNESS...
MY APOLOGIES... I DIDN'T CONSIDER YOUR FEELINGS, HOMURA.I SPOKE AS IF I UNDERSTOOD IT ALL.
KAI—
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD HIM, RIGHT?


EVERYONE IN THE CENSORSHIP UNIT BESIDES ME DIED.
...THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW ABOUT THE TRUTH OF WALPURGIS NIGHT ARE YOU, ME, AND SHIORI WHO WAS BEING GUARDED BY THE UNIT.
THERE'S NO WAY SHIORI OR I WOULD TALK ABOUT IT, SO THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD LET IT SLIP IS YOU, YOU BASTARD.
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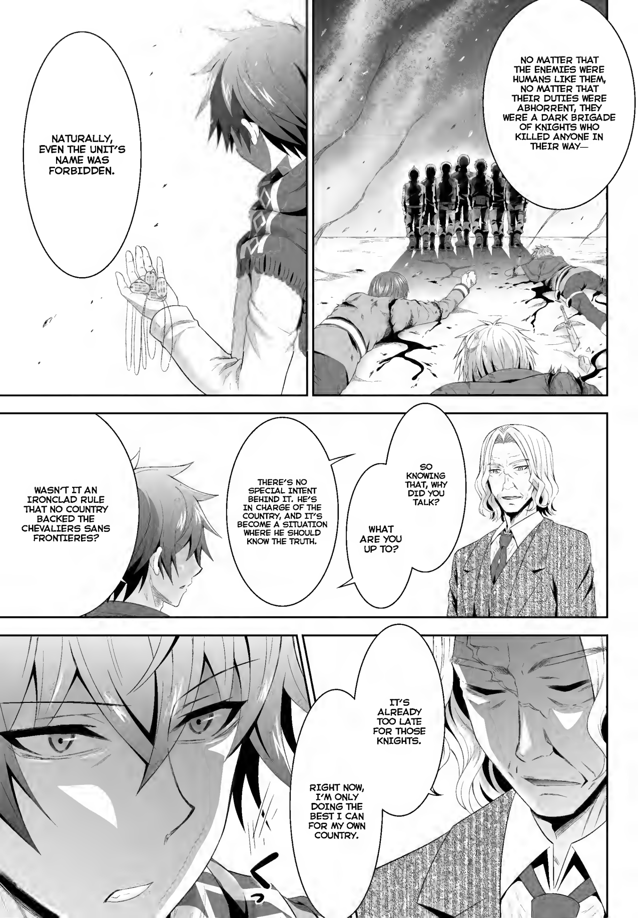
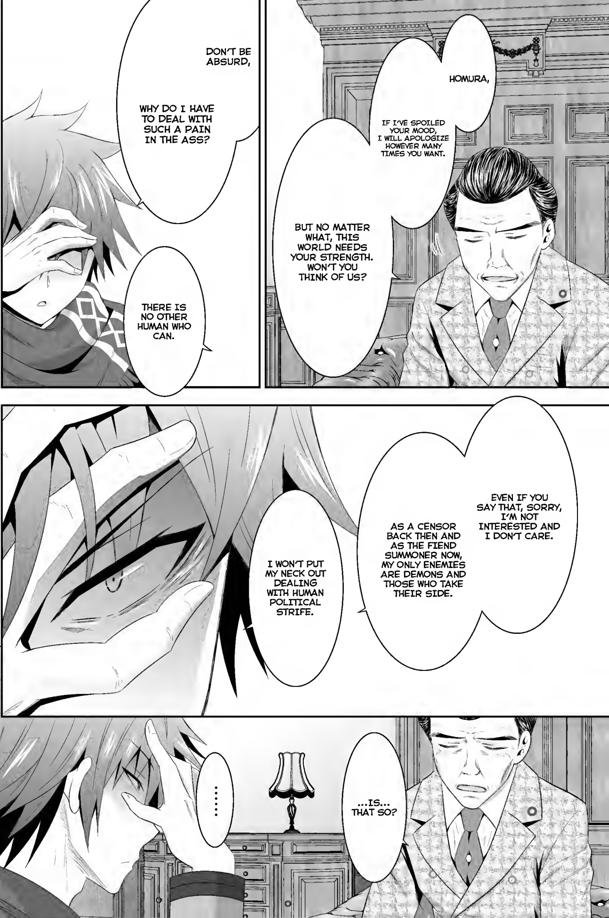
THAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED SOMEHOW?
HAPPENED SOMEHOW!?
IT'S TRUE, HOMURA...
FOR YOU, IT MAY BE A PAST YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO REVISIT...
THE CENSORSHIP UNIT THAT SCRAMBLED FOR GRIMOIRES, SHED THE BLOOD OF THEIR FELLOW MAN, PUTTING HUMANS AND NATIONS TO THE BLADE—


NO MATTER THAT THE ENEMIES WERE HUMANS LIKE THEM, NO MATTER THAT THEIR DUTIES WERE ABHORRENT, THEY WERE A DARK BRIGADE OF KNIGHTS WHO KILLED ANYONE IN THEIR WAY—
NATURALLY, EVEN THE UNIT'S NAME WAS FORBIDDEN.
SO KNOWING THAT, WHY DID YOU TALK?
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
THERE'S NO SPECIAL INTENT BEHIND IT. HE'S IN CHARGE OF THE COUNTRY, AND IT'S BECOME A SITUATION WHERE HE SHOULD KNOW THE TRUTH.
WASN'T IT AN IRONCLAD RULE THAT NO COUNTRY BACKED THE CHEVALIERS SANS FRONTIERES?
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE FOR THOSE KNIGHTS.
RIGHT NOW, I'M ONLY DOING THE BEST I CAN FOR MY OWN COUNTRY.


HOMURA,
IF I'VE SPOILED YOUR MOOD, I WILL APOLOGIZE HOWEVER MANY TIMES YOU WANT.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, THIS WORLD NEEDS YOUR STRENGTH. WON'T YOU THINK OF US?
DON'T BE ABSURD,
WHY DO I HAVE TO DEAL WITH SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS?
THERE IS NO OTHER HUMAN WHO CAN.
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT, SORRY, I'M NOT INTERESTED AND I DON'T CARE.
AS A CENSOR BACK THEN AND AS THE FIEND SUMMONER NOW, MY ONLY ENEMIES ARE DEMONS AND THOSE WHO TAKE THEIR SIDE.
I WON'T PUT MY NECK OUT DEALING WITH HUMAN POLITICAL STRIFE.
...IS... THAT SO?
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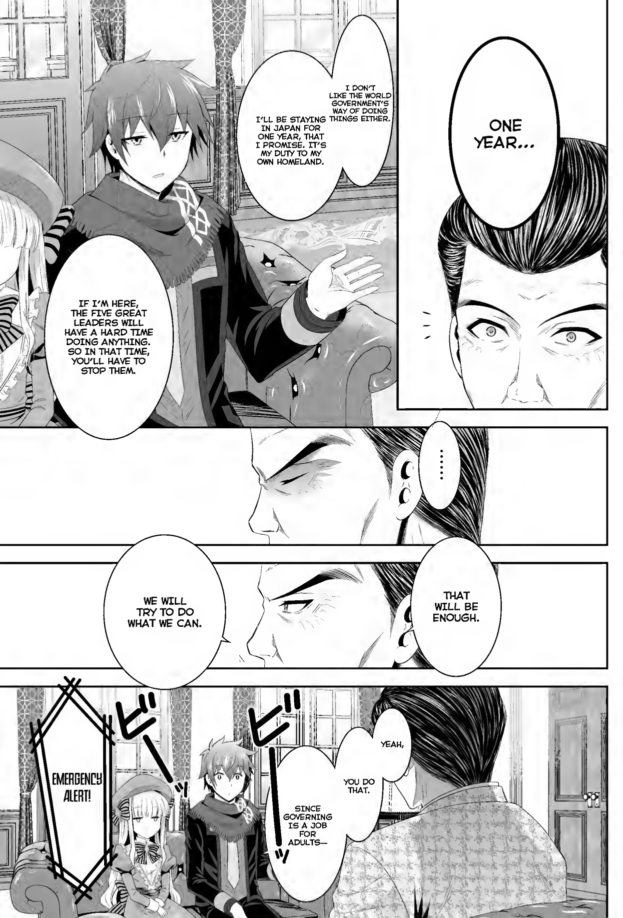
ONE YEAR...
I DON'T LIKE THE WORLD GOVERNMENT'S WAY OF DOING THINGS EITHER.
I'LL BE STAYING IN JAPAN FOR ONE YEAR, THAT I PROMISE. IT'S MY DUTY TO MY OWN HOMELAND.
IF I'M HERE, THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS WILL HAVE A HARD TIME DOING ANYTHING. SO IN THAT TIME, YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP THEM.
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THAT WILL BE ENOUGH.
WE WILL TRY TO DO WHAT WE CAN.
YEAH,
YOU DO THAT.
SINCE GOVERNING IS A JOB FOR ADULTS—
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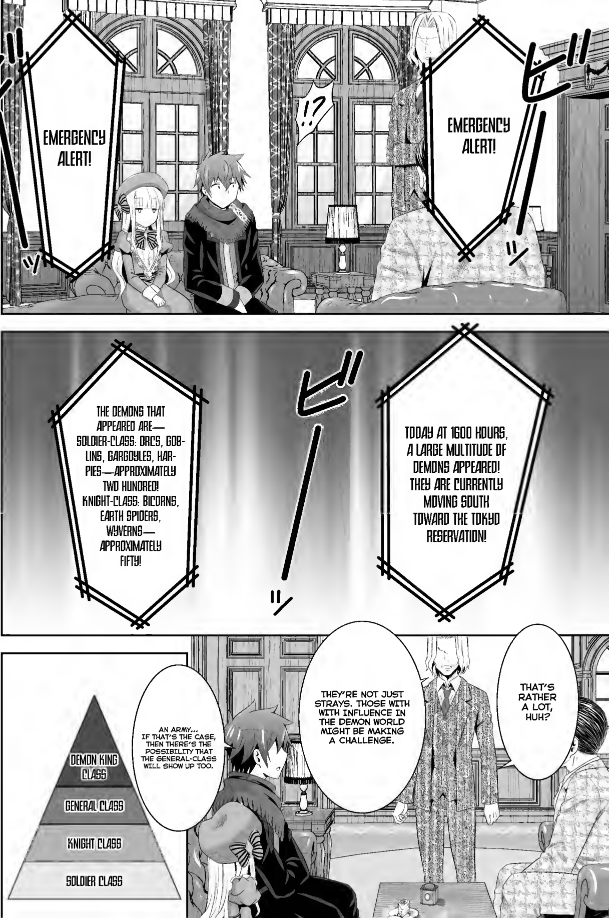
EMERGENCY ALERT!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EMERGENCY ALERT!
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EMERGENCY ALERT!
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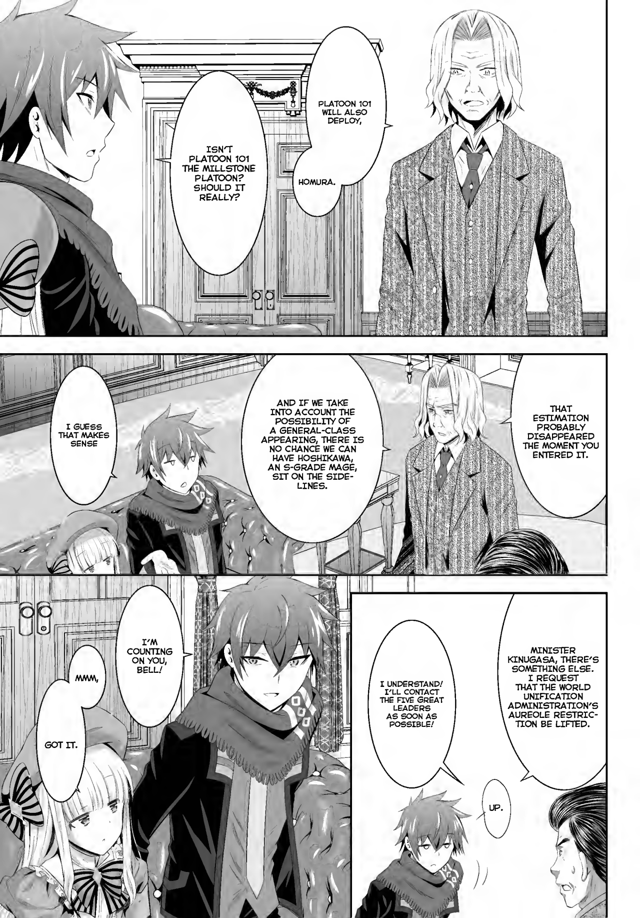
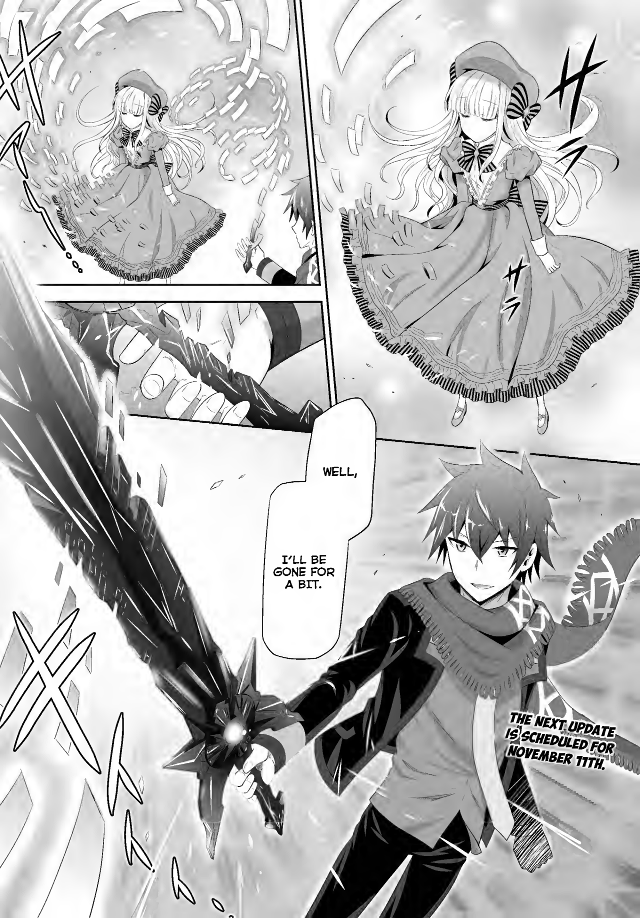
TODAY AT 1600 HOURS, A LARGE MULTITUDE OF DEMONS APPEARED! THEY ARE CURRENTLY MOVING SOUTH TOWARD THE TOKYO RESERVATION!
THE DEMONS THAT APPEARED ARE— SOLDIER-CLASS: ORCS, GOBLINS, GARGOYLES, HARPIES—APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED! KNIGHT-CLASS: BICORNS, EARTH SPIDERS, WYVERNS—APPROXIMATELY FIFTY!
THAT'S RATHER A LOT, HUH?
THEY'RE NOT JUST STRAYS. THOSE WITH WITH INFLUENCE IN THE DEMON WORLD MIGHT BE MAKING A CHALLENGE.
AN ARMY... IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GENERAL-CLASS WILL SHOW UP TOO.
DEMON KING CLASS
GENERAL CLASS
KNIGHT CLASS
SOLDIER CLASS


PLATOON 101 WILL ALSO DEPLOY,
HOMURA.
ISN'T PLATOON 101 THE MILLSTONE PLATOON? SHOULD IT REALLY?
THAT ESTIMATION PROBABLY DISAPPEARED THE MOMENT YOU ENTERED IT.
AND IF WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL-CLASS APPEARING, THERE IS NO CHANCE WE CAN HAVE HOSHIKAWA, AN S-GRADE MAGE, SIT ON THE SIDELINES.
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE
MINISTER KINUGASA, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE. I REQUEST THAT THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION'S AUREOLE RESTRICTION BE LIFTED.
UP.
I UNDERSTAND! I'LL CONTACT THE FIVE GREAT LEADERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, BELL!
MMM,
GOT IT.


WELL,
I'LL BE GONE FOR A BIT.

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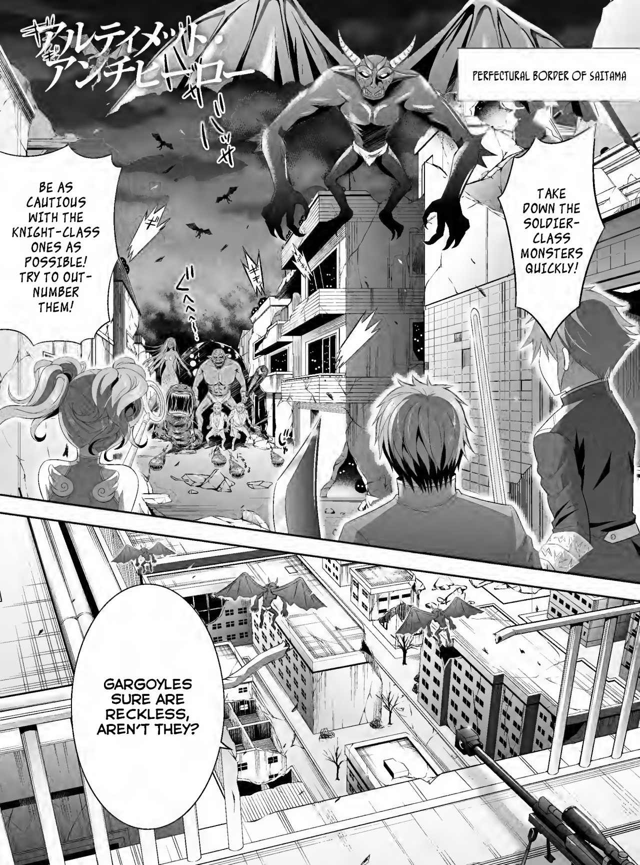
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PERFECTURAL BORDER OF SAITAMA
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TAKE DOWN THE SOLDIER-CLASS MONSTERS QUICKLY!
BE AS CAUTIOUS WITH THE KNIGHT-CLASS ONES AS POSSIBLE! TRY TO OUT-NUMBER THEM!
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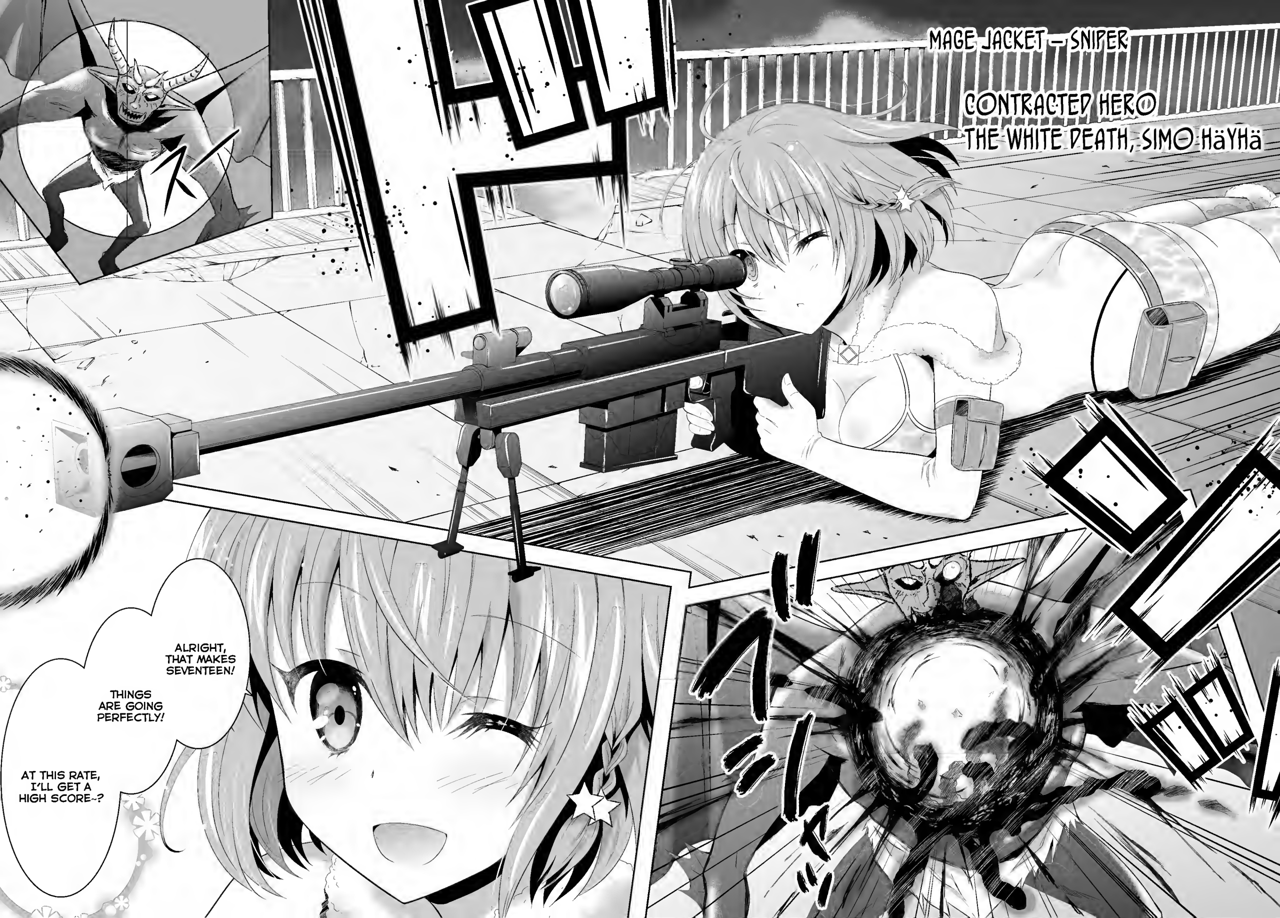
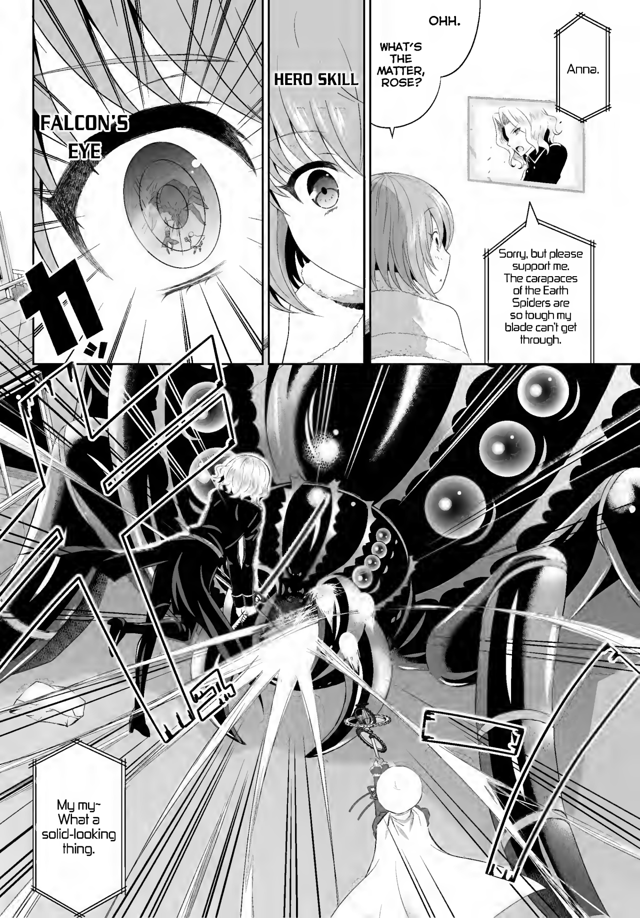
GARGOYLES SURE ARE RECKLESS, AREN'T THEY?

Chapter 5 — Original Demon


MAGE JACKET — SNIPER
CONTRACTED HERO
THE WHITE DEATH, SIMO HäYHä
ALRIGHT, THAT MAKES SEVENTEEN!
THINGS ARE GOING PERFECTLY!
AT THIS RATE, I'LL GET A HIGH SCORE~?


Anna.
OHH.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ROSE?
Sorry, but please support me. The carapaces of the Earth Spiders are so tough my blade can't get through.
HERO SKILL
FALCON'S EYE
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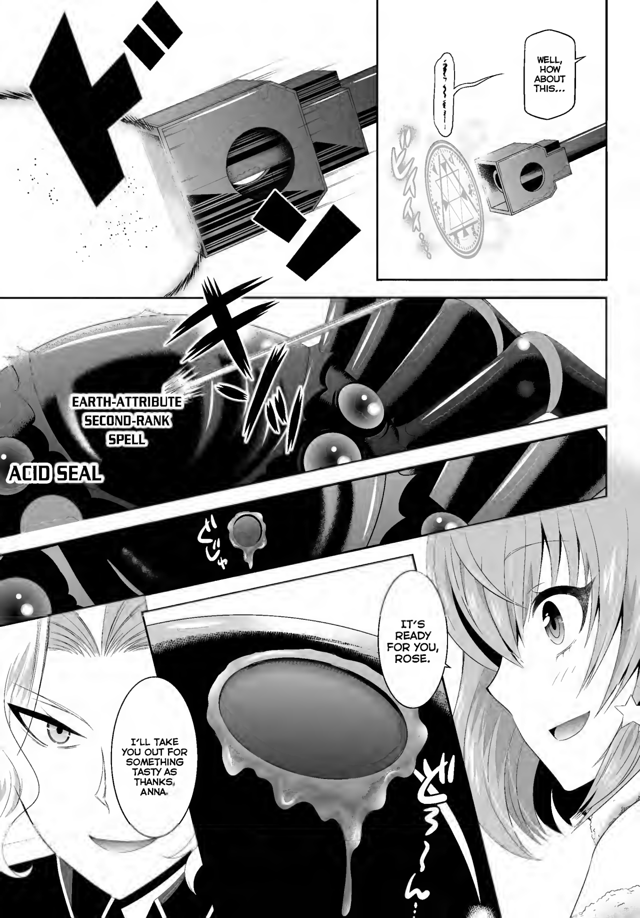
My my~ What a solid-looking thing.


WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS...
EARTH-ATTRIBUTE SECOND-RANK SPELL
ACID SEAL
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IT'S READY FOR YOU, ROSE.
I'LL TAKE YOU OUT FOR SOMETHING TASTY AS THANKS, ANNA.
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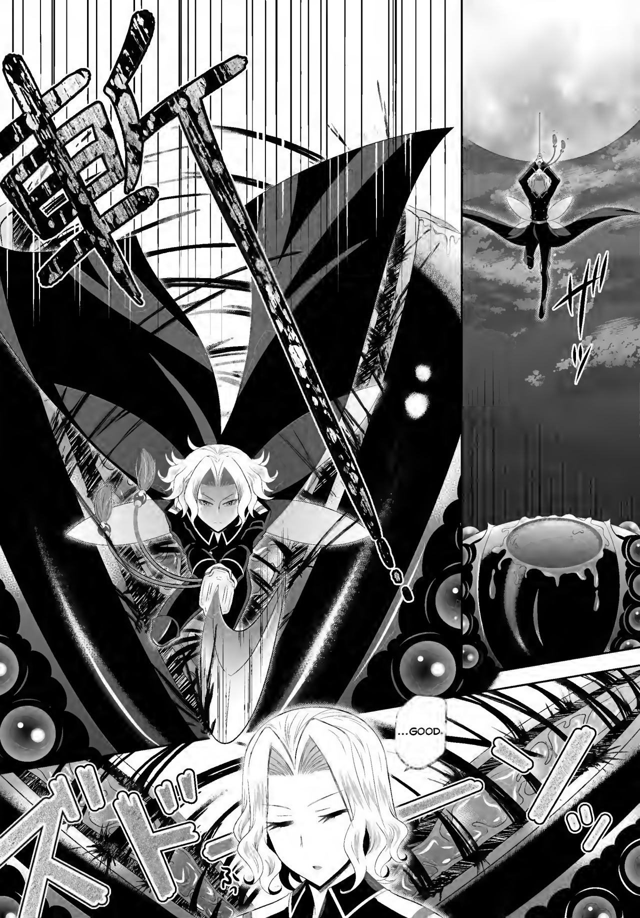
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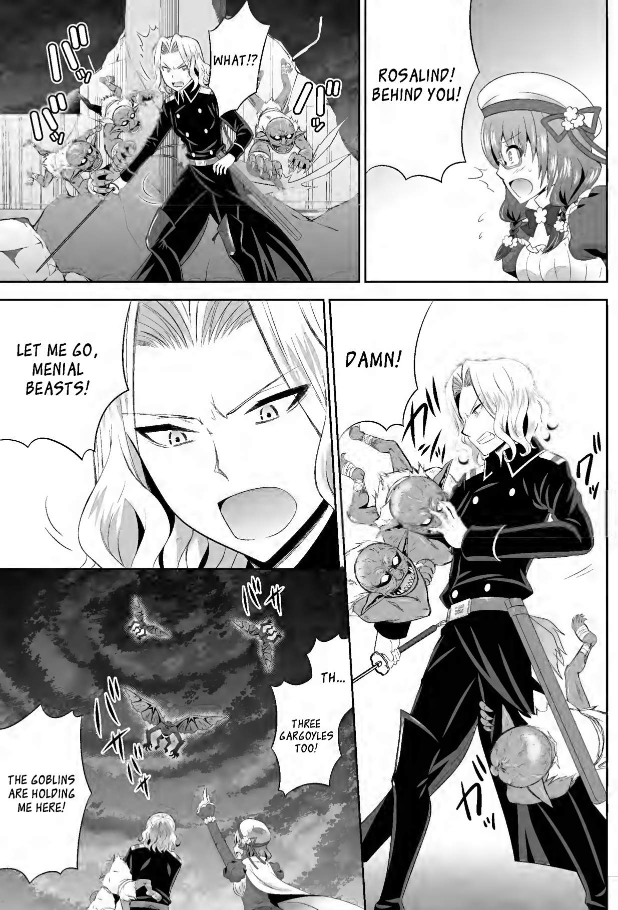
ROSALIND! BEHIND YOU!
WHAT!?
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DAMN!
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LET ME GO, MENIAL BEASTS!
TH...
THREE GARGOYLES TOO!
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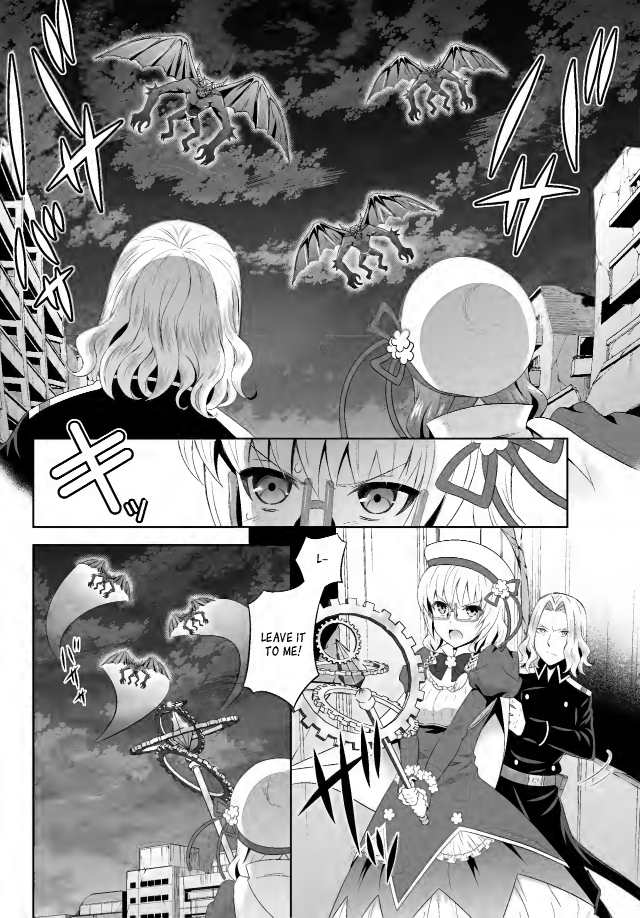
THE GOBLINS ARE HOLDING ME HERE!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LEAVE IT TO ME!
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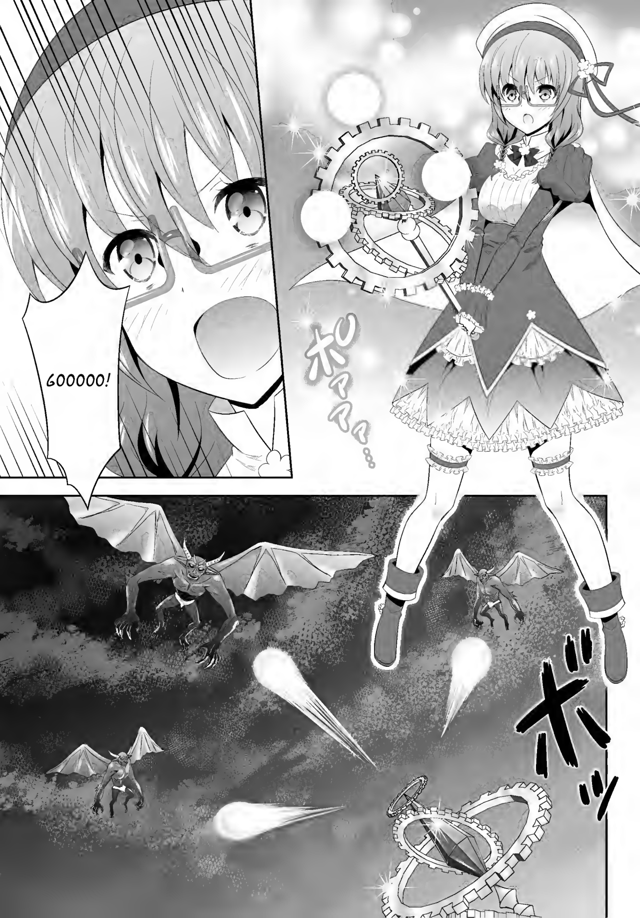
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GOOOOO!
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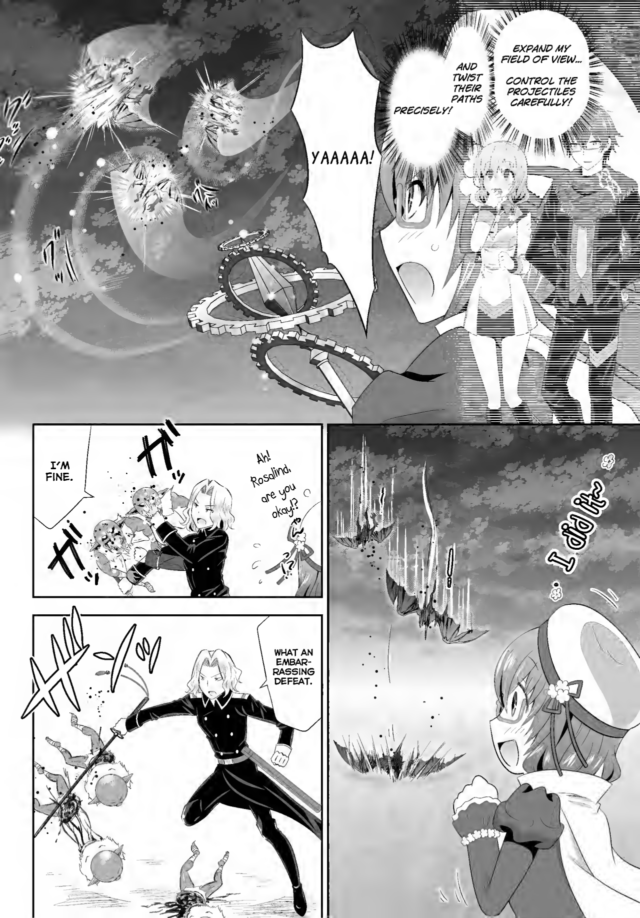
EXPAND MY FIELD OF VIEW... CONTROL THE PROJECTILES CAREFULLY!
AND TWIST THEIR PATHS PRECISELY!
YAAAAA!
I did it~
Ah! Rosalind, are you okay!?
I'M FINE.
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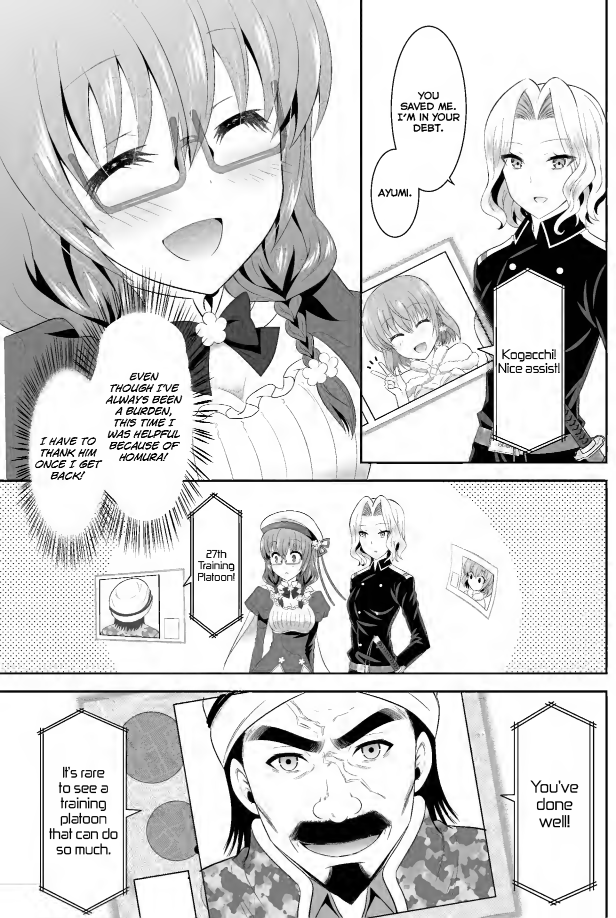
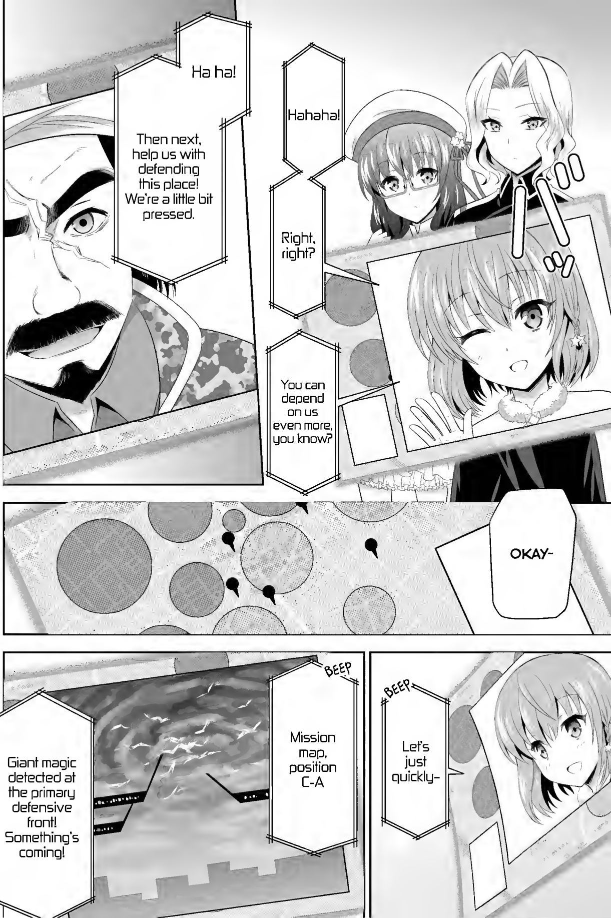
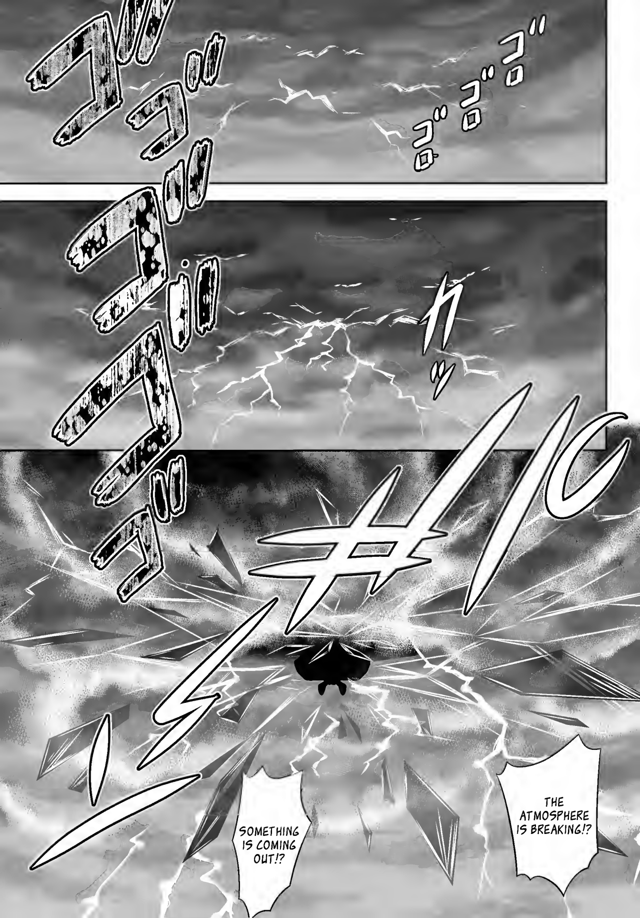
WHAT AN EMBARRASSING DEFEAT.


YOU SAVED ME. I'M IN YOUR DEBT.
AYUMI.
Kogacchi! Nice assist!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BURDEN, THIS TIME I WAS HELPFUL BECAUSE OF HOMURA!
I HAVE TO THANK HIM ONCE I GET BACK!
27th Training Platoon!
You've done well!
It's rare to see a training platoon that can do so much.


Hahaha!
Right, right?
You can depend on us even more, you know?
Ha ha!
Then next, help us with defending this place! We're a little bit pressed.
OKAY~
BEEP
Let's just quickly~
BEEP
Mission map, position C-A
Giant magic detected at the primary defensive front! Something's coming!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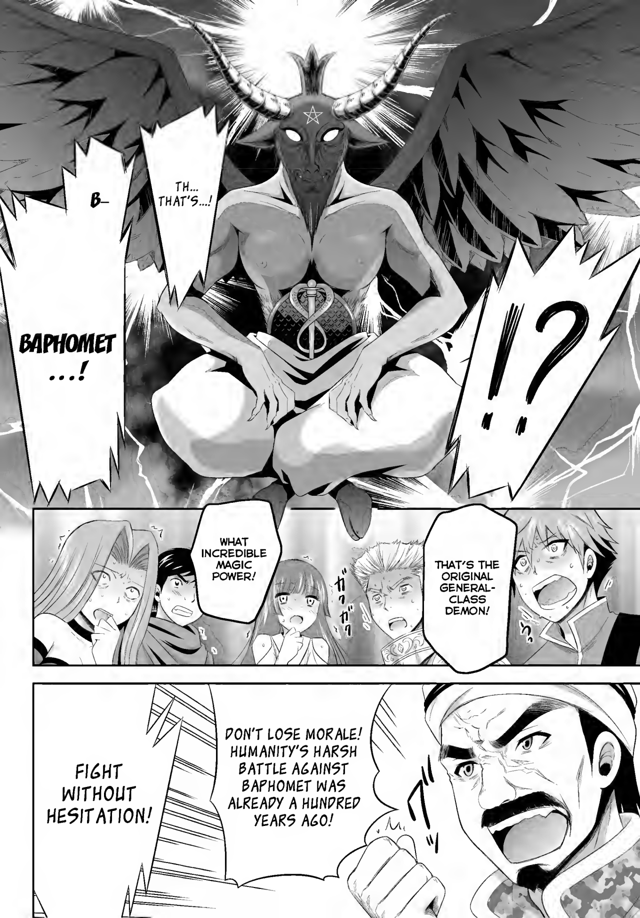
THE ATMOSPHERE IS BREAKING!?
SOMETHING IS COMING OUT!?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TH... THAT'S...!
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BAPHOMET ...!
THAT'S THE ORIGINAL GENERAL-CLASS DEMON!
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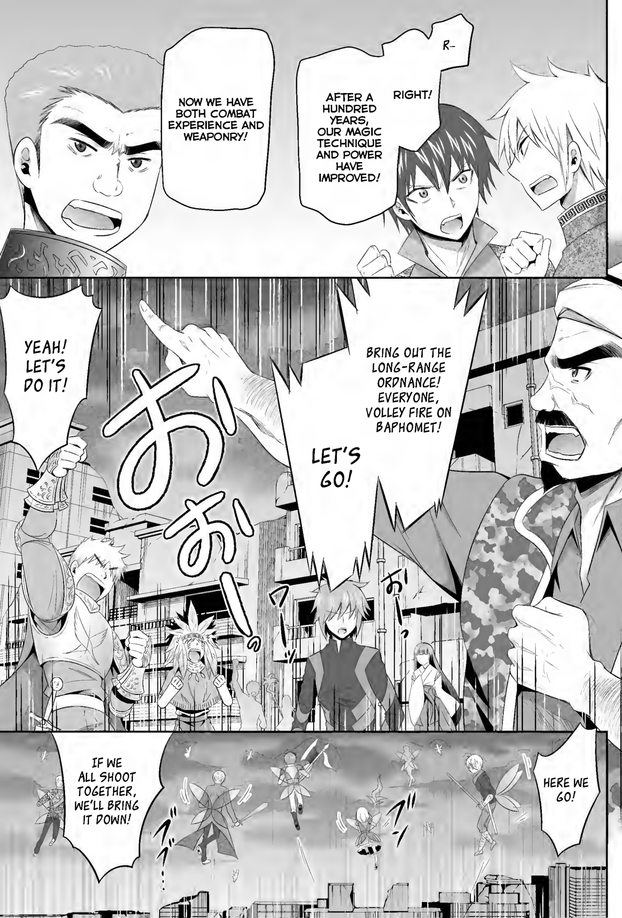
WHAT INCREDIBLE MAGIC POWER!
DON'T LOSE MORALE! HUMANITY'S HARSH BATTLE AGAINST BAPHOMET WAS ALREADY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
FIGHT WITHOUT HESITATION!


R- RIGHT!
AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS, OUR MAGIC TECHNIQUE AND POWER HAVE IMPROVED!
NOW WE HAVE BOTH COMBAT EXPERIENCE AND WEAPONRY!
BRING OUT THE LONG-RANGE ORDNANCE! EVERYONE, VOLLEY FIRE ON BAPHOMET!
LET'S GO!
YEAH! LET'S DO IT!
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HERE WE GO!
IF WE ALL SHOOT TOGETHER, WE'LL BRING IT DOWN!
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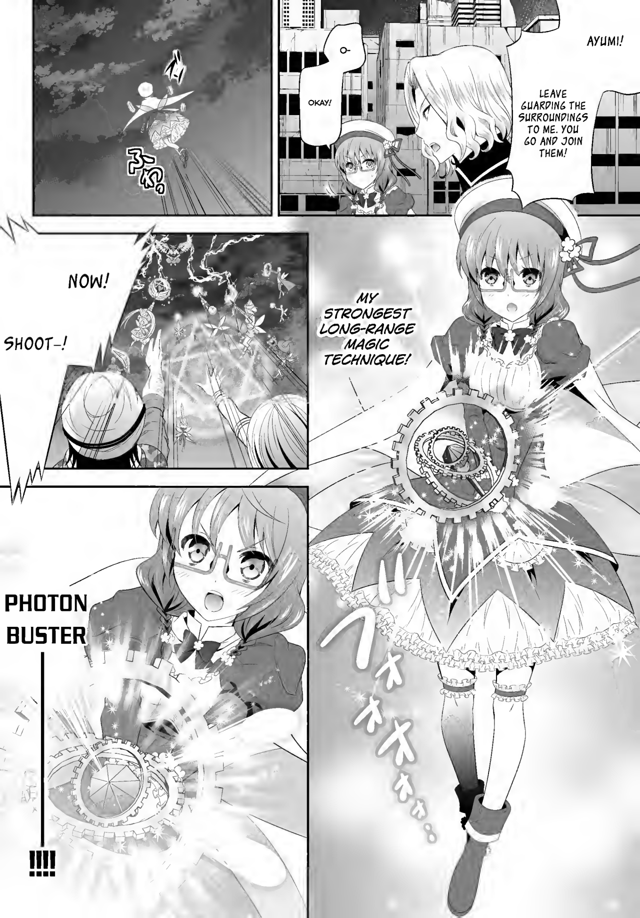
AYUMI!
LEAVE GUARDING THE SURROUNDINGS TO ME. YOU GO AND JOIN THEM!
O- OKAY!
MY STRONGEST LONG-RANGE MAGIC TECHNIQUE!
NOW!
SHOOT-!
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PHOTON BUSTER
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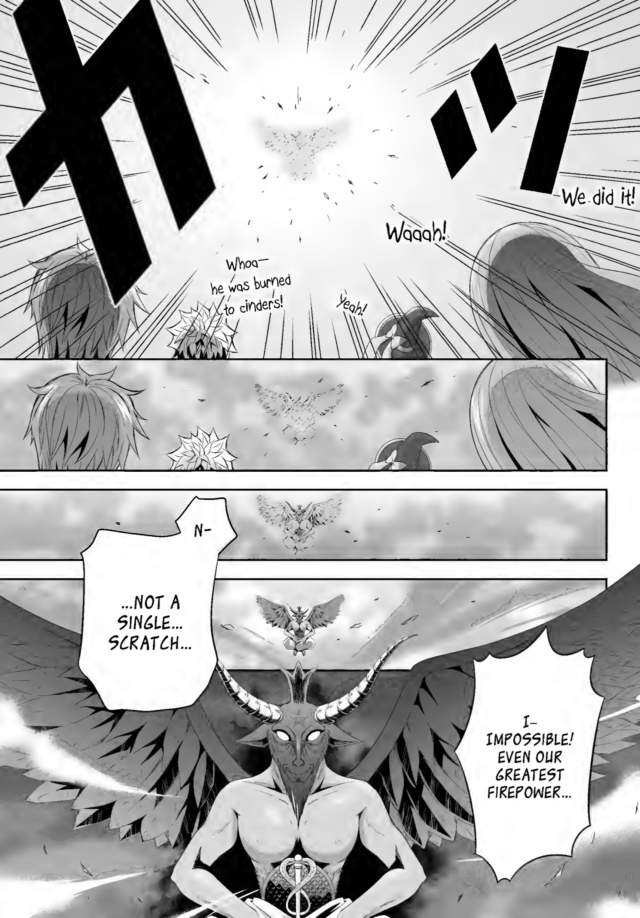
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We did it!
Waaah!
Yeah!
Whoa— he was burned to cinders!
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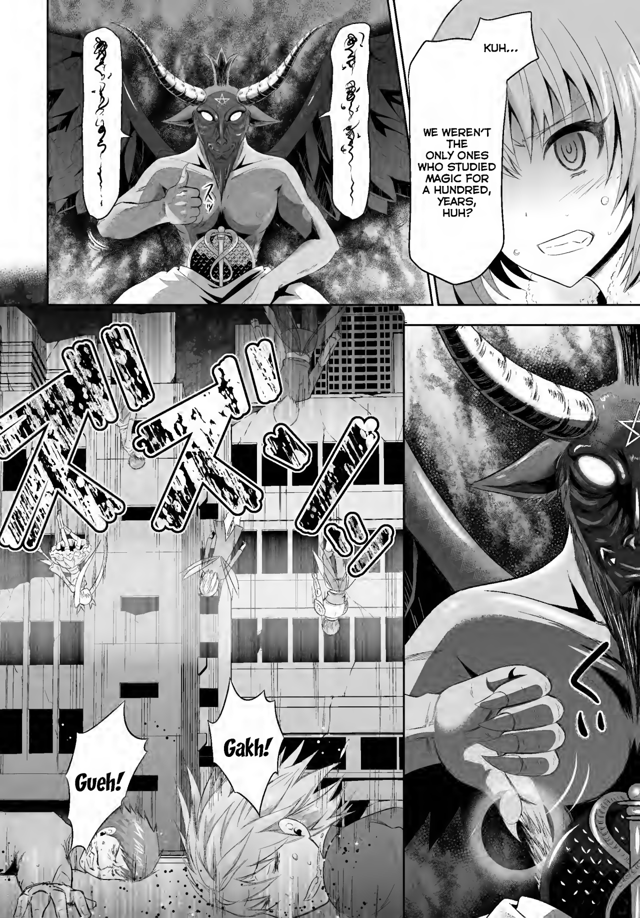
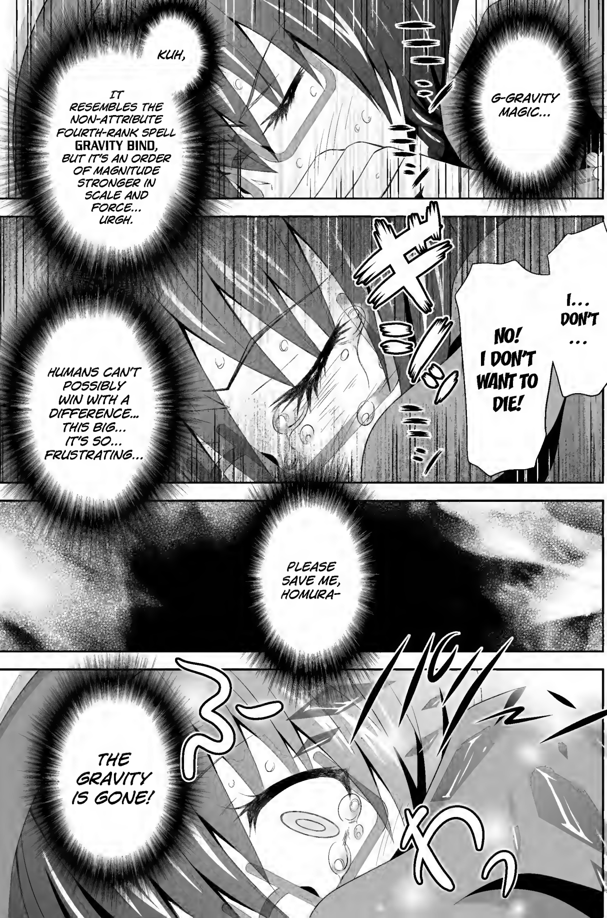
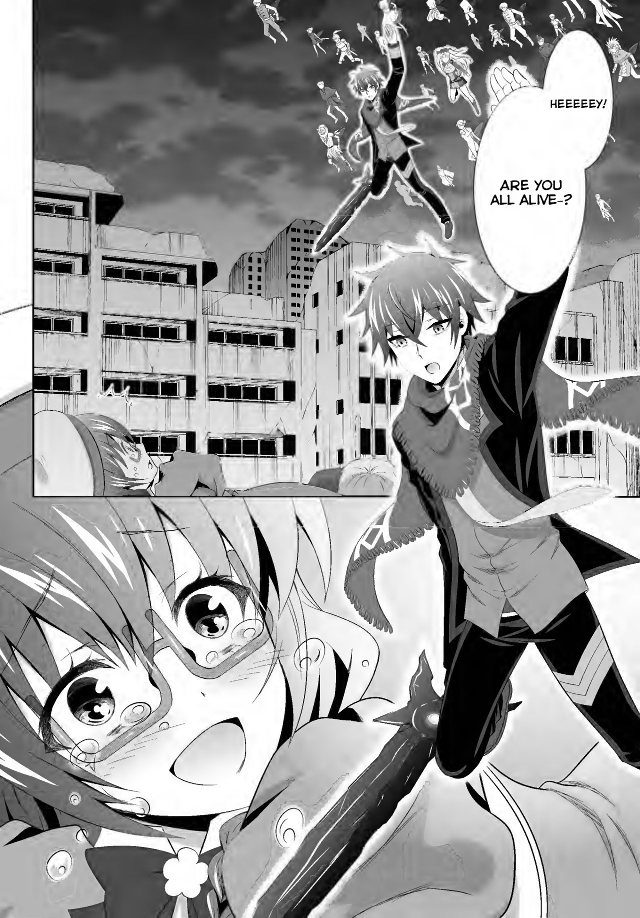
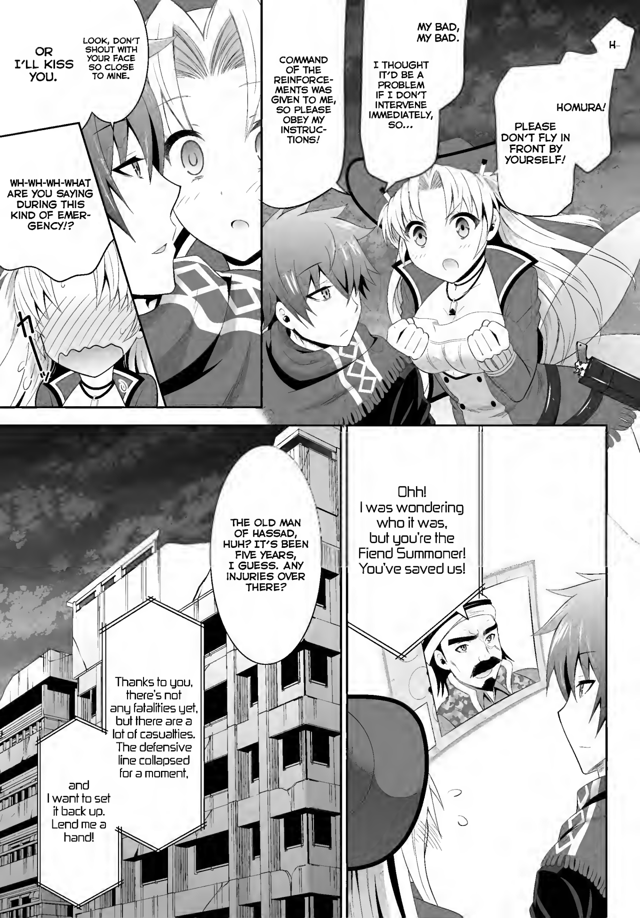
...NOT A SINGLE... SCRATCH...
I— IMPOSSIBLE! EVEN OUR GREATEST FIREPOWER...


KUH...
WE WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO STUDIED MAGIC FOR A HUNDRED, YEARS, HUH?
Gakh!
Gueh!


G-GRAVITY MAGIC...
KUH,
IT RESEMBLES THE NON-ATTRIBUTE FOURTH-RANK SPELL **GRAVITY BIND**, BUT IT'S AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE STRONGER IN SCALE AND FORCE... URGH.
I... DON'T ...
NO! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
HUMANS CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN WITH A DIFFERENCE... THIS BIG... IT'S SO... FRUSTRATING...
PLEASE SAVE ME, HOMURA-
THE GRAVITY IS GONE!


HEEEEEY!
ARE YOU ALL ALIVE-?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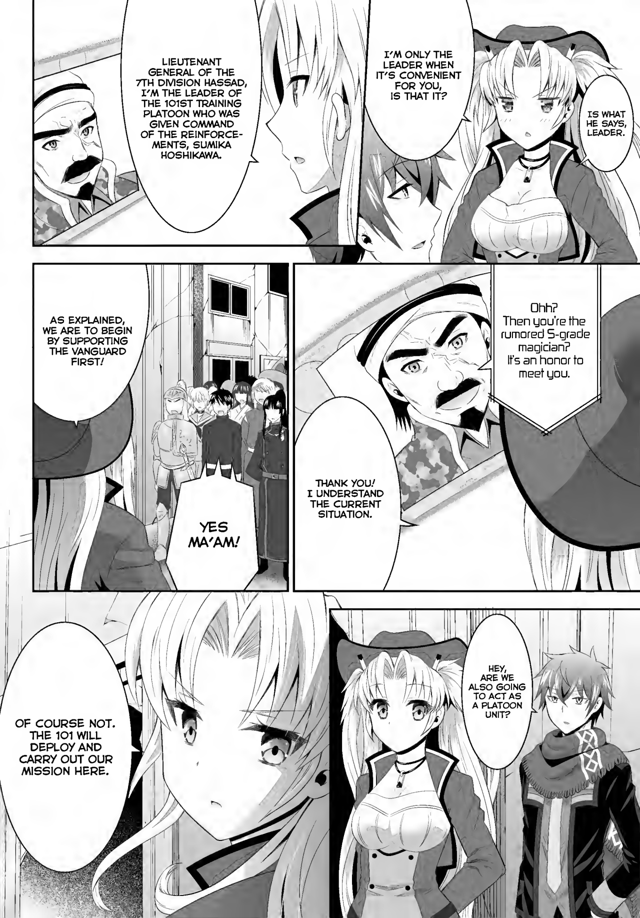
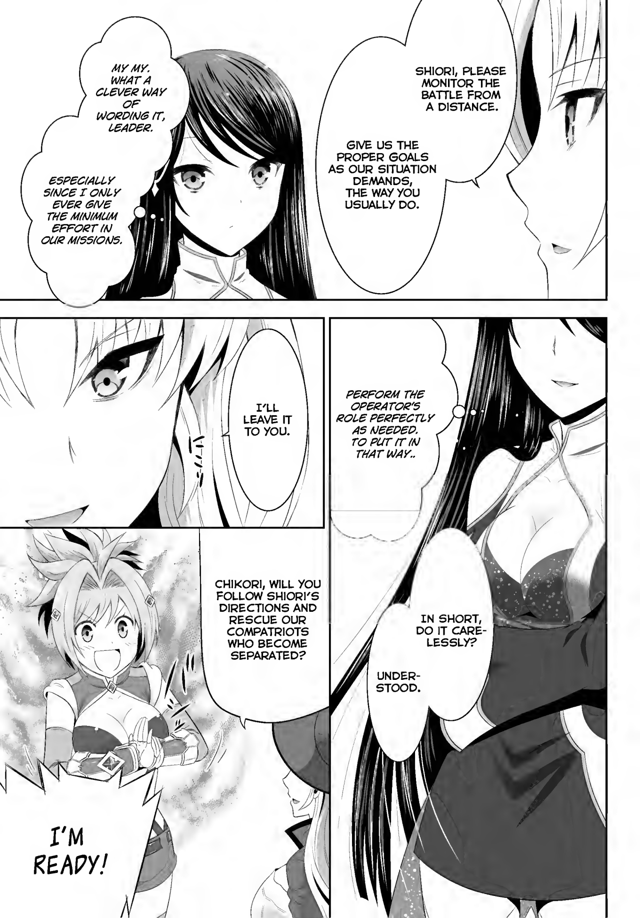
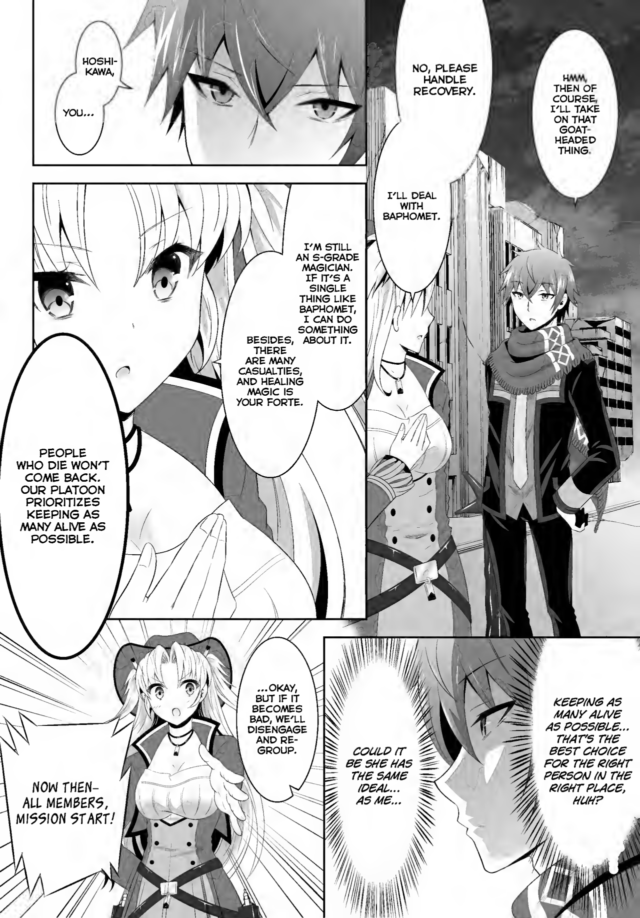
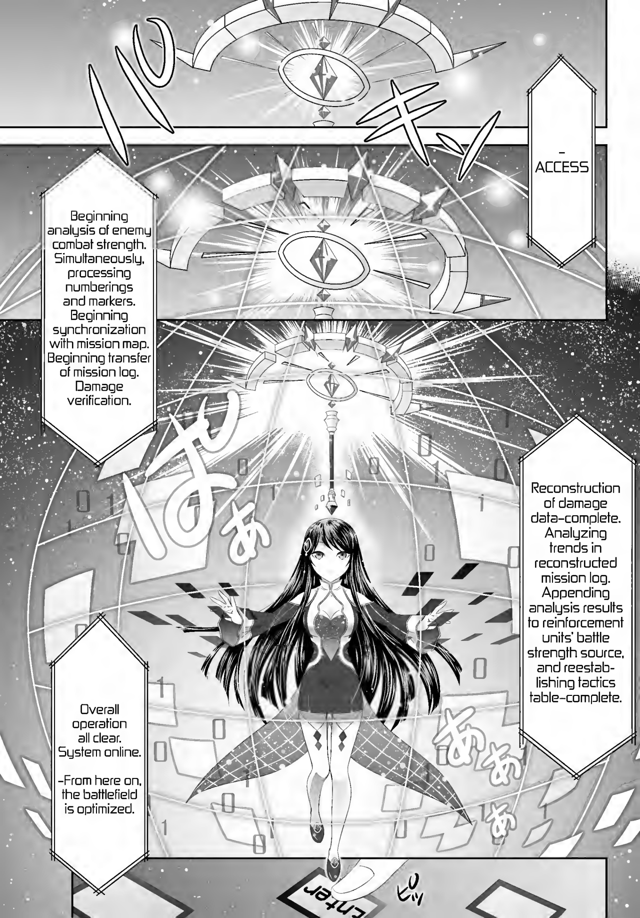
HOMURA!
PLEASE DON'T FLY IN FRONT BY YOURSELF!
MY BAD, MY BAD.
I THOUGHT IT'D BE A PROBLEM IF I DON'T INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY, SO…
COMMAND OF THE REINFORCEMENTS WAS GIVEN TO ME, SO PLEASE OBEY MY INSTRUCTIONS!
LOOK, DON'T SHOUT WITH YOUR FACE SO CLOSE TO MINE.
OR I'LL KISS YOU.
WH-WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING DURING THIS KIND OF EMERGENCY!?
Ohh! I was wondering who it was, but you're the Fiend Summoner! You've saved us!
THE OLD MAN OF HASSAD, HUH? IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS, I GUESS. ANY INJURIES OVER THERE?
Thanks to you, there's not any fatalities yet, but there are a lot of casualties. The defensive line collapsed for a moment,
and I want to set it back up. Lend me a hand!


IS WHAT HE SAYS, LEADER.
I'M ONLY THE LEADER WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT FOR YOU, IS THAT IT?
LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE 7TH DIVISION HASSAD, I'M THE LEADER OF THE 101ST TRAINING PLATOON WHO WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF THE REINFORCEMENTS, SUMIKA HOSHIKAWA.
Ohh? Then you're the rumored S-grade magician? It's an honor to meet you.
THANK YOU! I UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT SITUATION.
AS EXPLAINED, WE ARE TO BEGIN BY SUPPORTING THE VANGUARD FIRST!
YES MA'AM!
HEY, ARE WE ALSO GOING TO ACT AS A PLATOON UNIT?
OF COURSE NOT. THE 101 WILL DEPLOY AND CARRY OUT OUR MISSION HERE.


SHIORI, PLEASE MONITOR THE BATTLE FROM A DISTANCE.
GIVE US THE PROPER GOALS AS OUR SITUATION DEMANDS, THE WAY YOU USUALLY DO.
MY MY. WHAT A CLEVER WAY OF WORDING IT, LEADER.
ESPECIALLY SINCE I ONLY EVER GIVE THE MINIMUM EFFORT IN OUR MISSIONS.
PERFORM THE OPERATOR'S ROLE PERFECTLY AS NEEDED. TO PUT IT IN THAT WAY..
IN SHORT, DO IT CARELESSLY?
UNDERSTOOD.
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
CHIKORI, WILL YOU FOLLOW SHIORI'S DIRECTIONS AND RESCUE OUR COMPATRIOTS WHO BECOME SEPARATED?
I'M READY!


HMM, THEN OF COURSE, I'LL TAKE ON THAT GOAT-HEADED THING.
NO, PLEASE HANDLE RECOVERY.
I'LL DEAL WITH BAPHOMET.
HOSHI-KAWA,
YOU...
I'M STILL AN S-GRADE MAGICIAN. IF IT'S A SINGLE THING LIKE BAPHOMET, I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
BESIDES, THERE ARE MANY CASUALTIES, AND HEALING MAGIC IS YOUR FORTE.
PEOPLE WHO DIE WON'T COME BACK. OUR PLATOON PRIORITIZES KEEPING AS MANY ALIVE AS POSSIBLE.
KEEPING AS MANY ALIVE AS POSSIBLE... THAT'S THE BEST CHOICE FOR THE RIGHT PERSON IN THE RIGHT PLACE, HUH?
COULD IT BE SHE HAS THE SAME IDEAL... AS ME...
...OKAY, BUT IF IT BECOMES BAD, WE'LL DISENGAGE AND RE-GROUP.
NOW THEN– ALL MEMBERS, MISSION START!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Beginning analysis of enemy combat strength. Simultaneously, processing numberings and markers. Beginning synchronization with mission map. Beginning transfer of mission log. Damage verification.
Reconstruction of damage data-complete. Analyzing trends in reconstructed mission log. Appending analysis results to reinforcement units' battle strength source, and reestablishing tactics table-complete.
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Overall operation all clear. System online.
-From here on, the battlefield is optimized.
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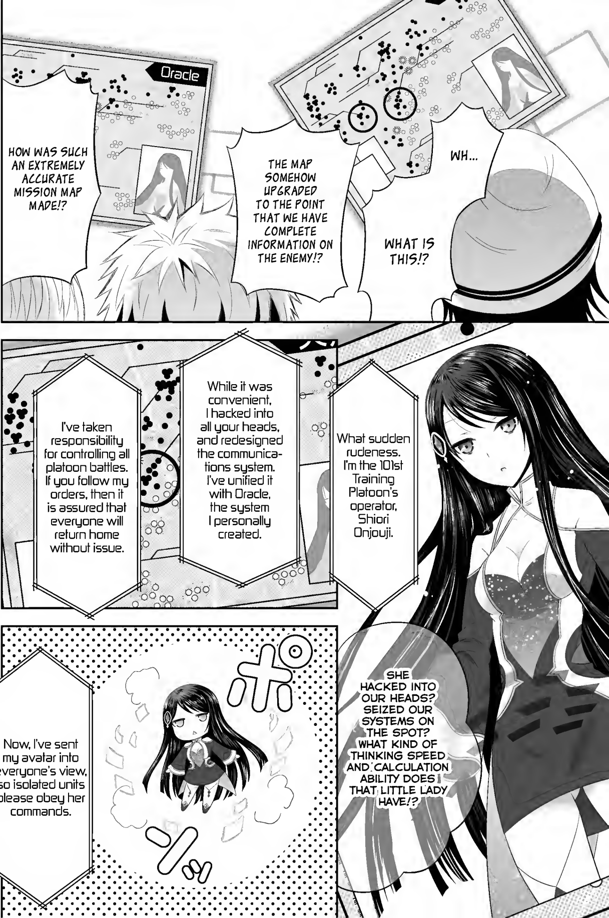
WH...
WHAT IS THIS!?
THE MAP SOMEHOW UPGRADED TO THE POINT THAT WE HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE ENEMY!?
Oracle
HOW WAS SUCH AN EXTREMELY ACCURATE MISSION MAP MADE!?
What sudden rudeness. I'm the 101st Training Platoon's operator, Shiori Onjouji.
While it was convenient, I hacked into all your heads, and redesigned the communications system. I've unified it with Oracle, the system I personally created.
I've taken responsibility for controlling all platoon battles. If you follow my orders, then it is assured that everyone will return home without issue.
SHE HACKED INTO OUR HEADS? SEIZED OUR SYSTEMS ON THE SPOT? WHAT KIND OF THINKING SPEED AND CALCULATION ABILITY DOES THAT LITTLE LADY HAVE!?
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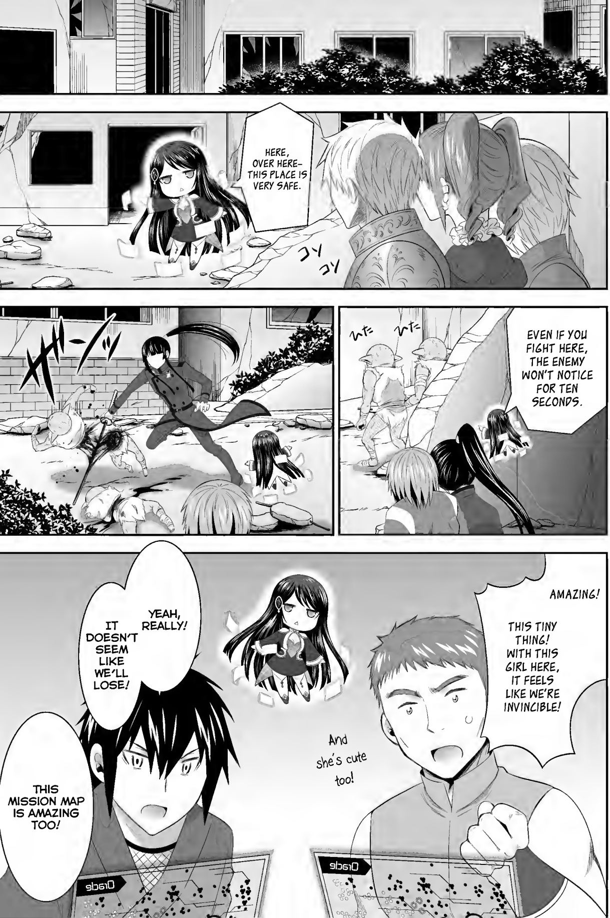
Now, I've sent my avatar into everyone's view, so isolated units please obey her commands.


HERE, OVER HERE- THIS PLACE IS VERY SAFE.
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EVEN IF YOU FIGHT HERE, THE ENEMY WON'T NOTICE FOR TEN SECONDS.
AMAZING!
THIS TINY THING! WITH THIS GIRL HERE, IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE INVINCIBLE!
And she's cute too!
YEAH, REALLY!
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE WE'LL LOSE!
THIS MISSION MAP IS AMAZING TOO!
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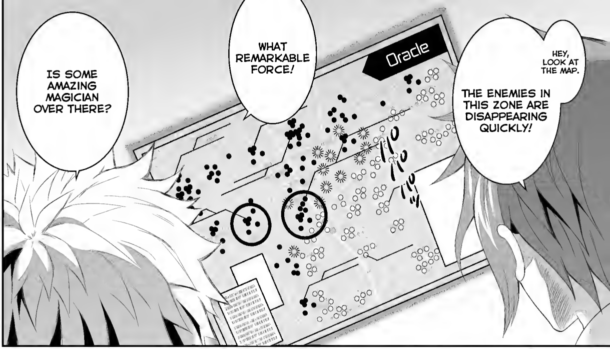
HEY, LOOK AT THE MAP.
THE ENEMIES IN THIS ZONE ARE DISAPPEARING QUICKLY!
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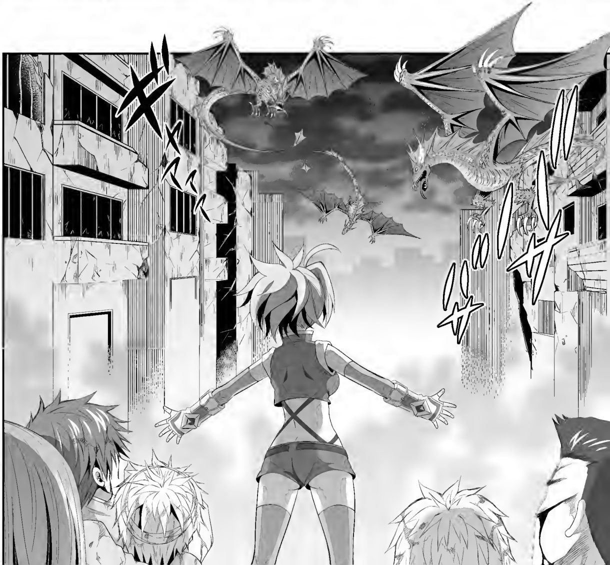
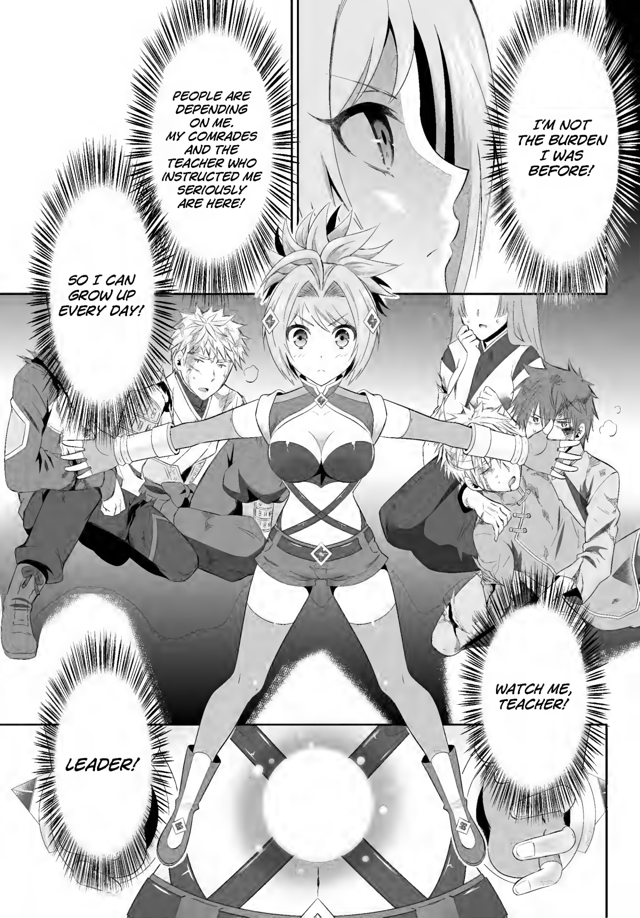
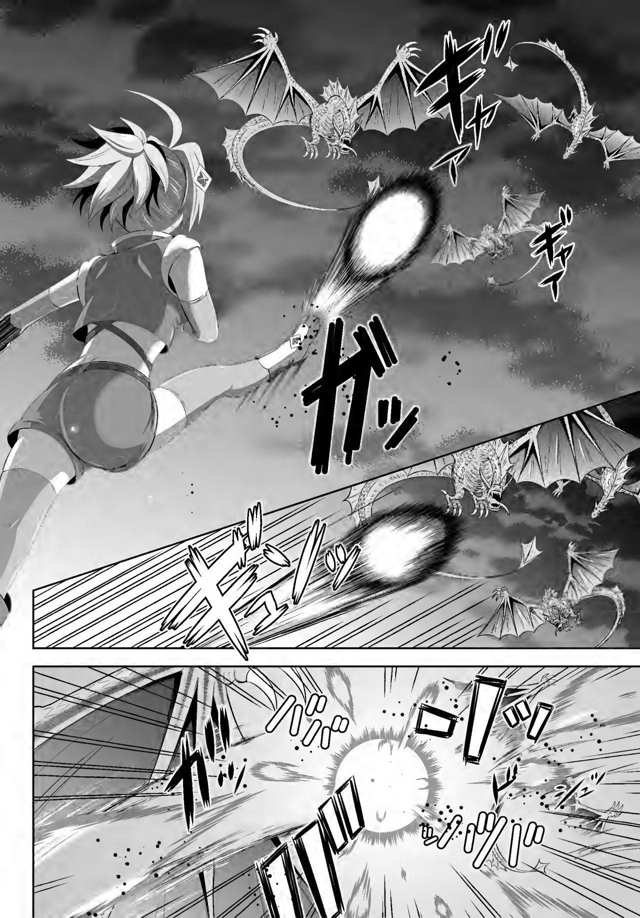
WHAT REMARKABLE FORCE!
IS SOME AMAZING MAGICIAN OVER THERE?




I'M NOT THE BURDEN I WAS BEFORE!
PEOPLE ARE DEPENDING ON ME. MY COMRADES AND THE TEACHER WHO INSTRUCTED ME SERIOUSLY ARE HERE!
SO I CAN GROW UP EVERY DAY!
WATCH ME, TEACHER!
LEADER!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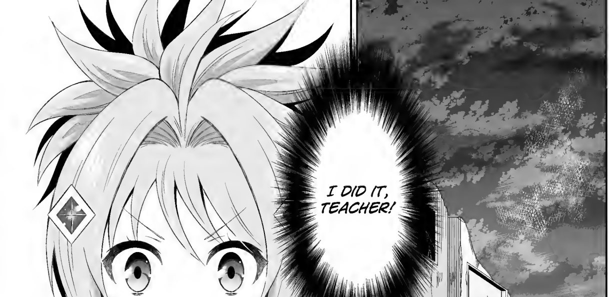
I DID IT, TEACHER!
LEADER!
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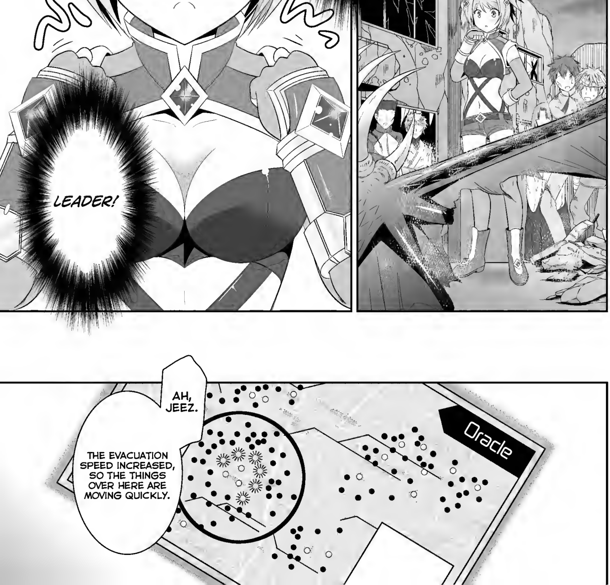
AH, JEEZ.
THE EVACUATION SPEED INCREASED, SO THE THINGS OVER HERE ARE MOVING QUICKLY.
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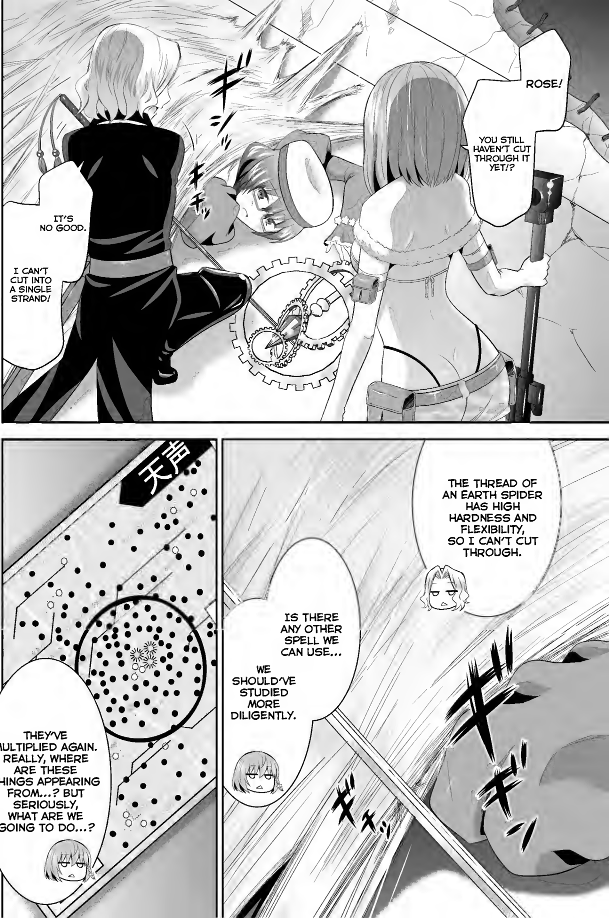
ROSE!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T CUT THROUGH IT YET!?
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IT'S NO GOOD.
I CAN'T CUT INTO A SINGLE STRAND!
THE THREAD OF AN EARTH SPIDER HAS HIGH HARDNESS AND FLEXIBILITY, SO I CAN'T CUT THROUGH.
IS THERE ANY OTHER SPELL WE CAN USE...
WE SHOULD'VE STUDIED MORE DILIGENTLY.
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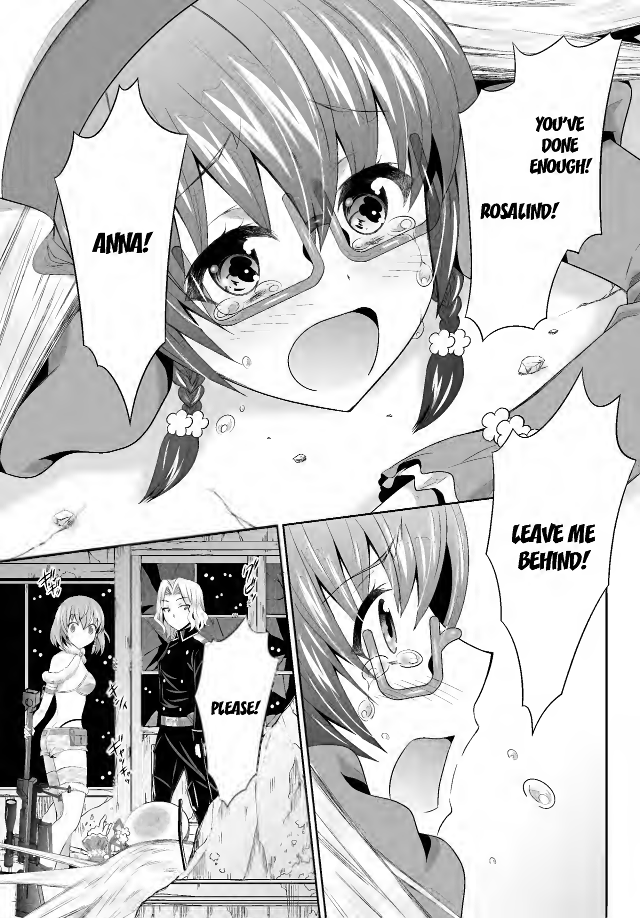
天声
THEY'VE MULTIPLIED AGAIN. REALLY, WHERE ARE THESE THINGS APPEARING FROM...? BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO...?


YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH!
ROSALIND!
ANNA!
LEAVE ME BEHIND!
PLEASE!
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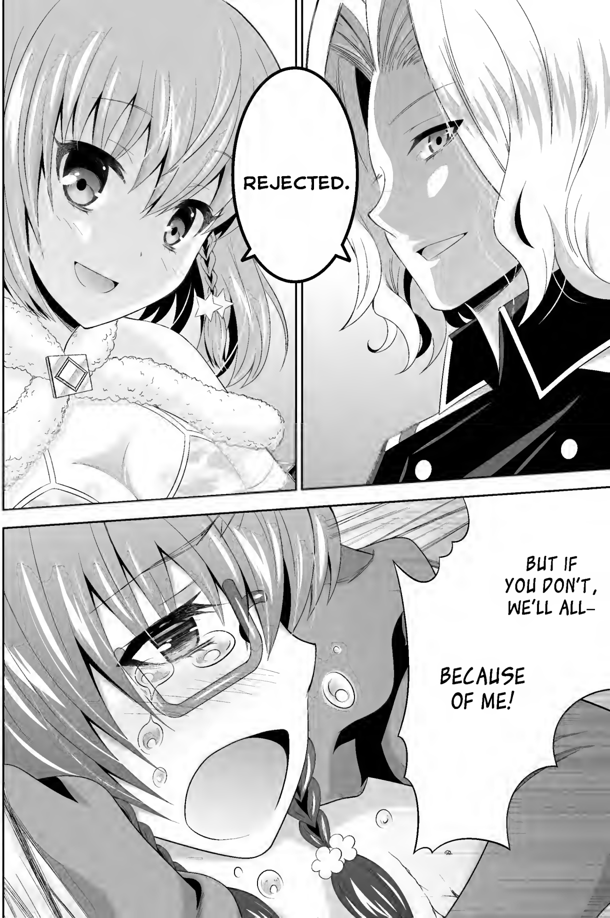
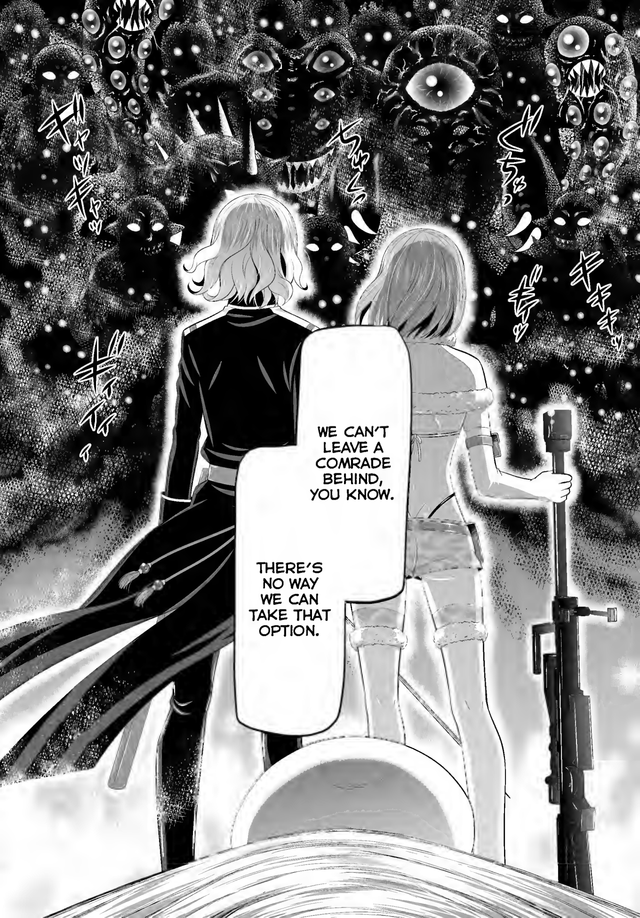

REJECTED.
BUT IF YOU DON'T, WE'LL ALL–
BECAUSE OF ME!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WE CAN'T LEAVE A COMRADE BEHIND, YOU KNOW.
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TAKE THAT OPTION.

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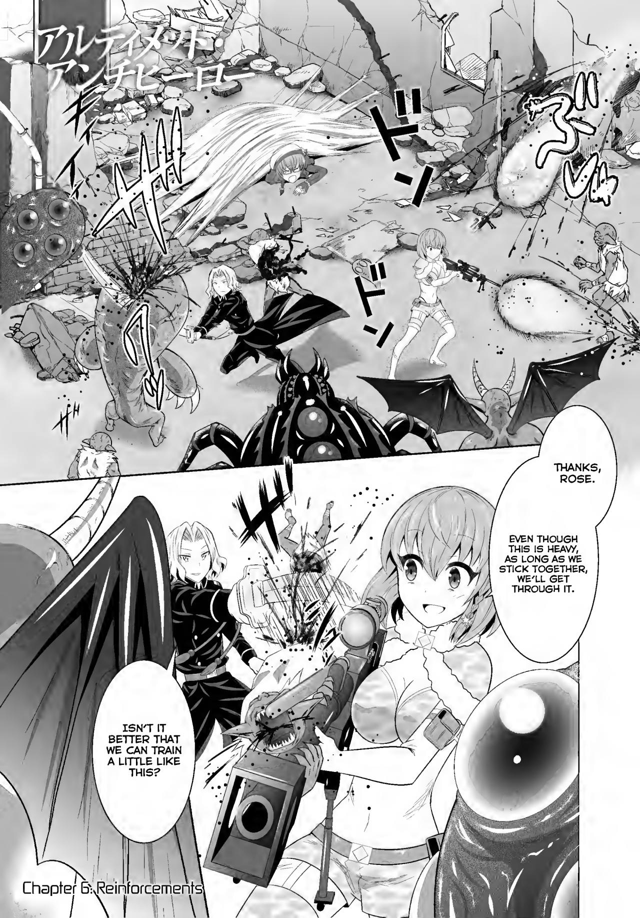
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THANKS, ROSE.
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS HEAVY, AS LONG AS WE STICK TOGETHER, WE'LL GET THROUGH IT.
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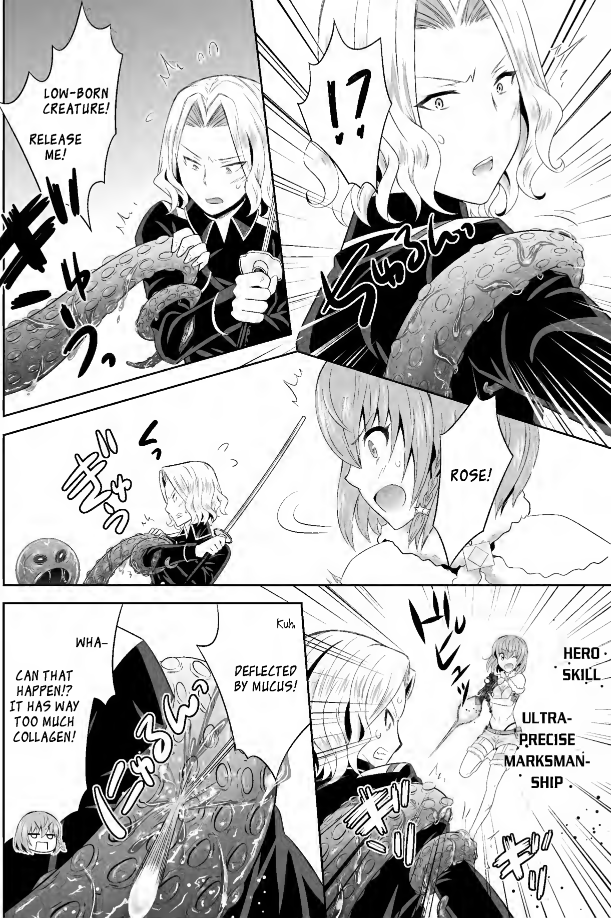
ISN'T IT BETTER THAT WE CAN TRAIN A LITTLE LIKE THIS?

Chapter 6: Reinforcements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LOW-BORN CREATURE!
RELEASE ME!
ギリューうっ
ROSE!
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HERO · SKILL
ULTRA-PRECISE MARKSMANSHIP .
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Kuh.
DEFLECTED BY MUCUS!
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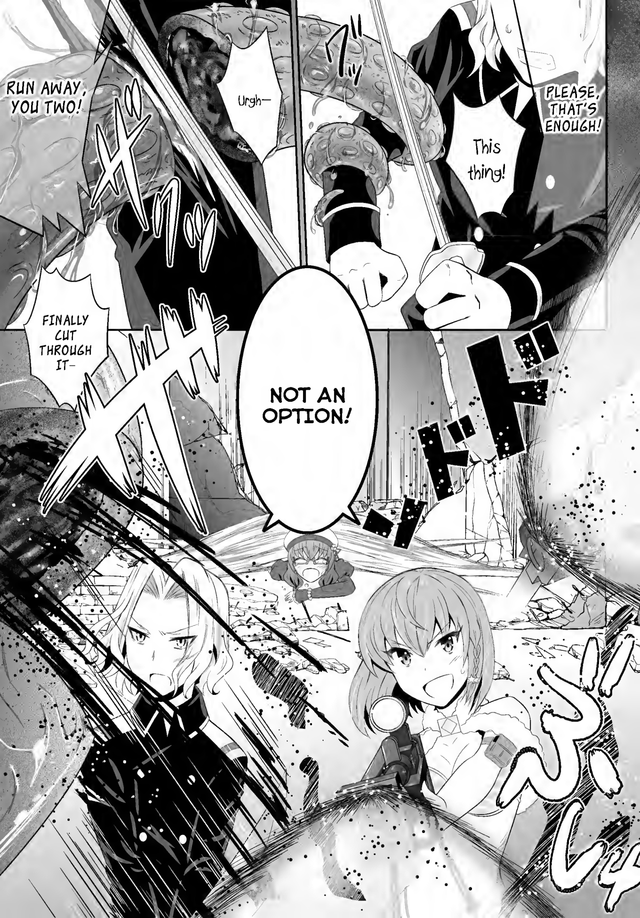
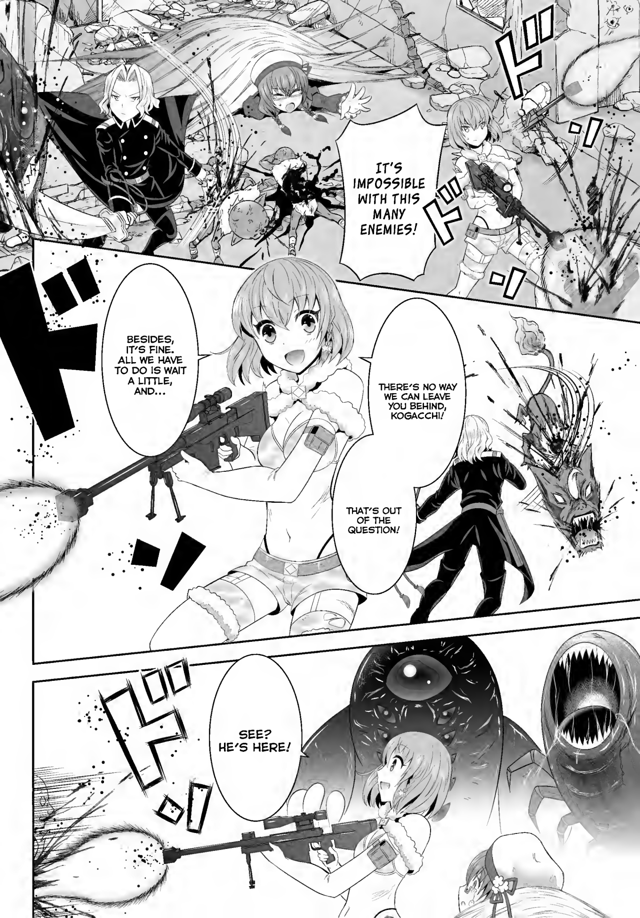
WHA-
CAN THAT HAPPEN!? IT HAS WAY TOO MUCH COLLAGEN!


PLEASE, THAT'S ENOUGH!
This thing!
Urgh—
RUN AWAY, YOU TWO!
FINALLY CUT THROUGH IT–
NOT AN OPTION!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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH THIS MANY ENEMIES!
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THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN LEAVE YOU BEHIND, KOGACCHI!
THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION!
BESIDES, IT'S FINE. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT A LITTLE, AND...
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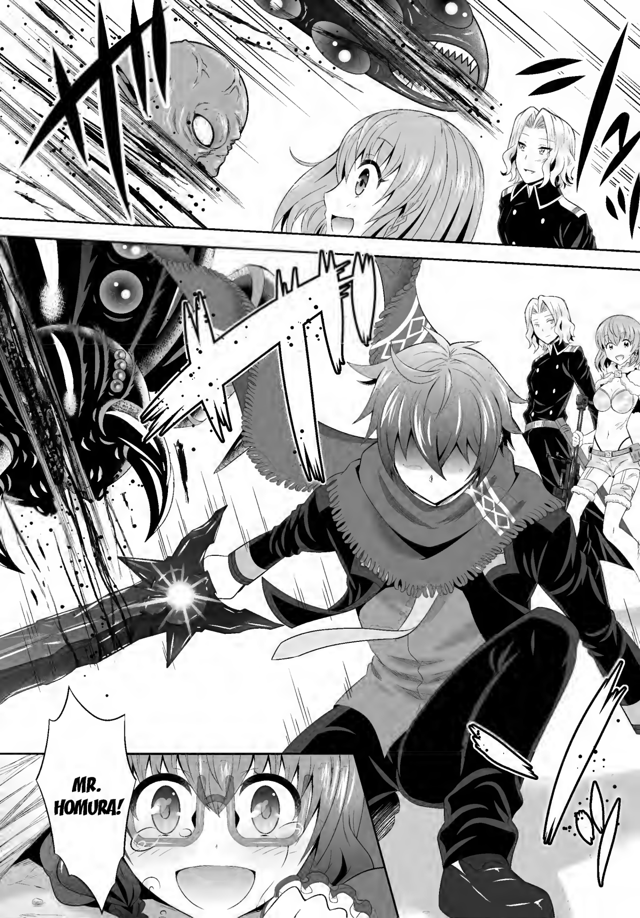
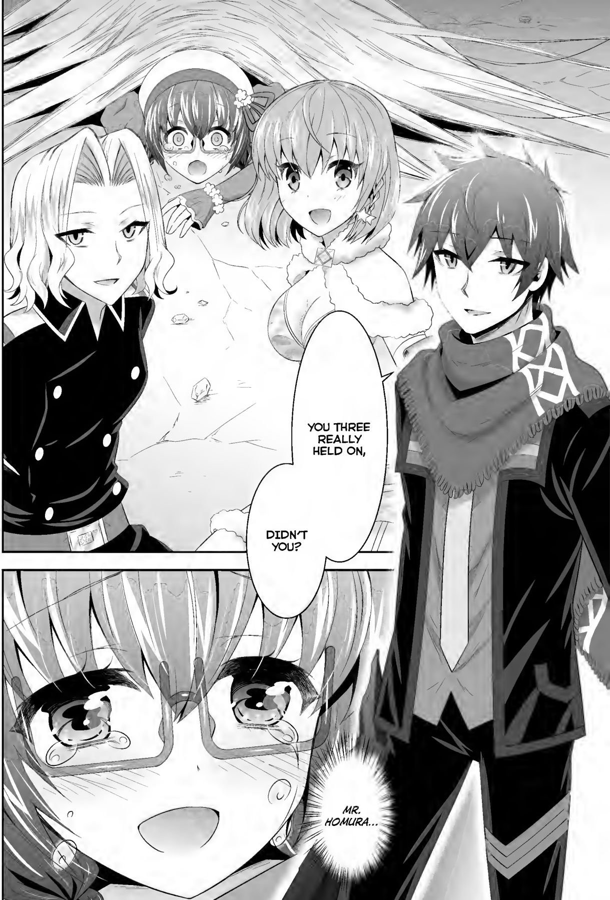
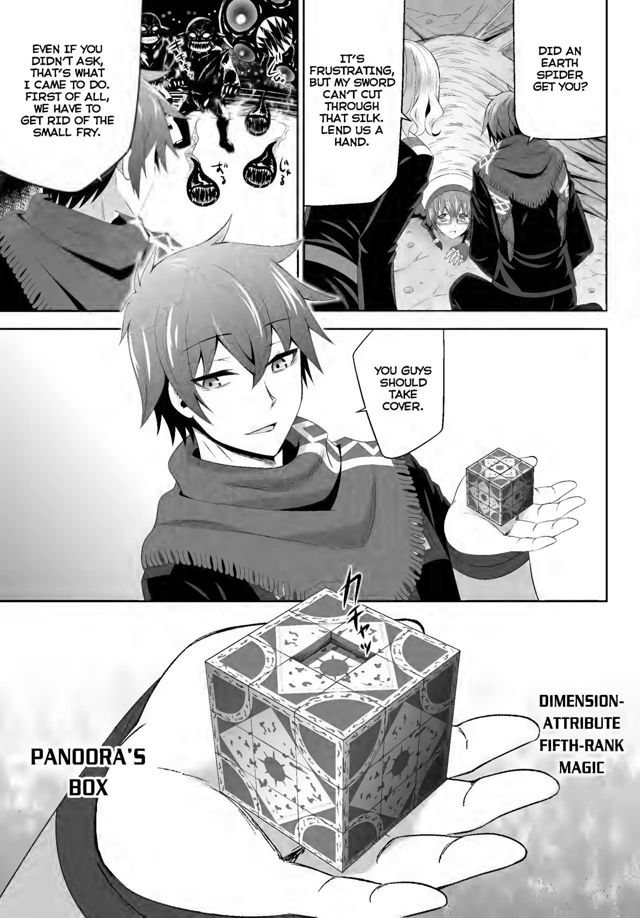
SEE? HE'S HERE!


MR. HOMURA!


YOU THREE REALLY HELD ON,
DIDN'T YOU?
MR. HOMURA...


DID AN EARTH SPIDER GET YOU?
IT'S FRUSTRATING, BUT MY SWORD CAN'T CUT THROUGH THAT SILK. LEND US A HAND.
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T ASK, THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO DO. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE TO GET RID OF THE SMALL FRY.
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YOU GUYS SHOULD TAKE COVER.
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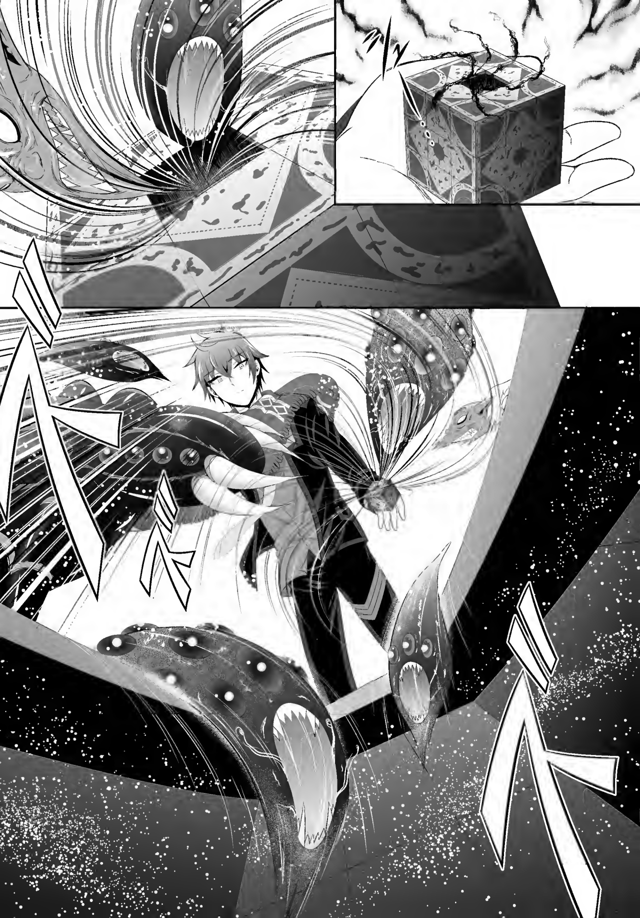
DIMENSION-ATTRIBUTE FIFTH-RANK MAGIC
PANOORA'S BOX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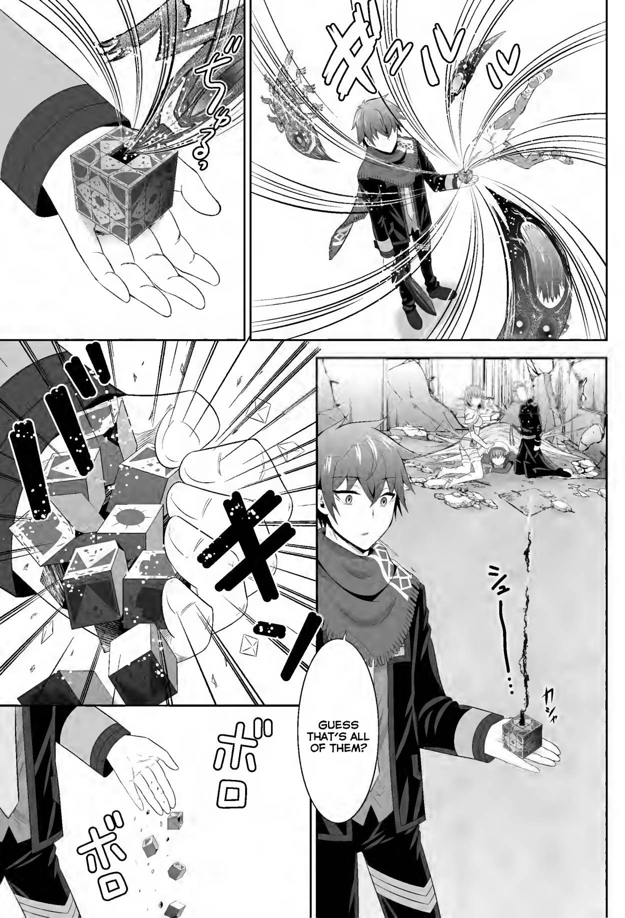
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シュー…
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GUESS THAT'S ALL OF THEM?
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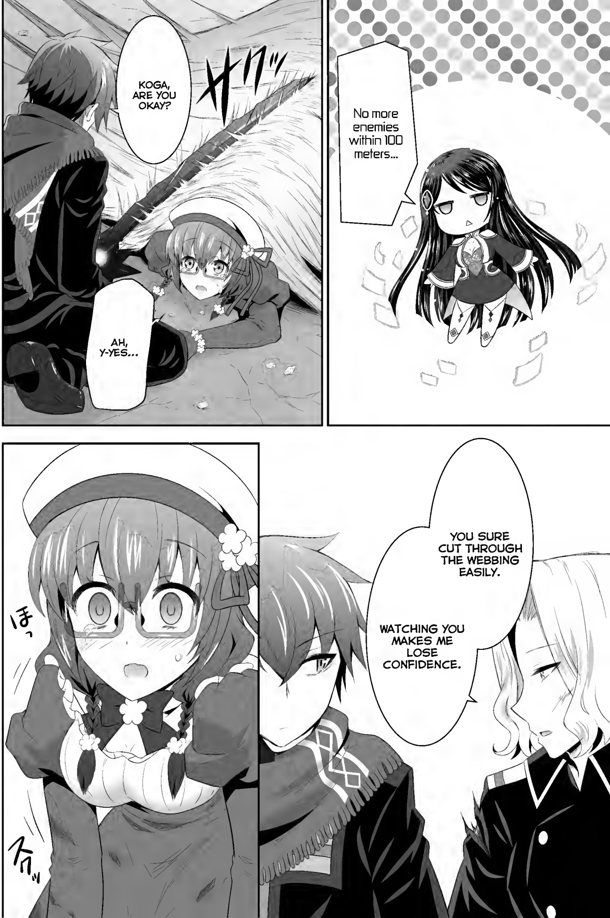
No more enemies within 100 meters...
KOGA, ARE YOU OKAY?
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AH, Y-YES...
YOU SURE CUT THROUGH THE WEBBING EASILY.
WATCHING YOU MAKES ME LOSE CONFIDENCE.
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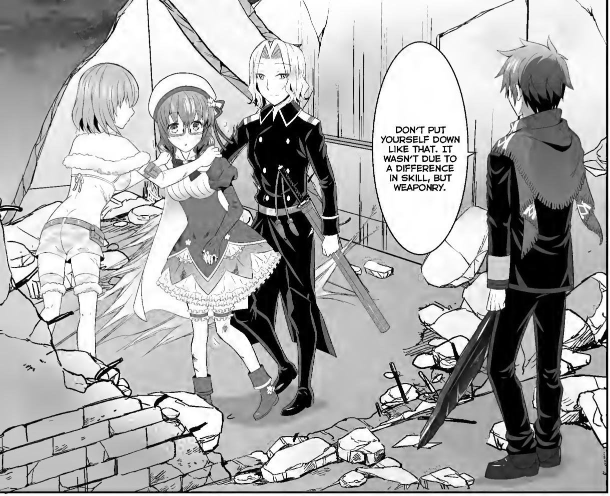
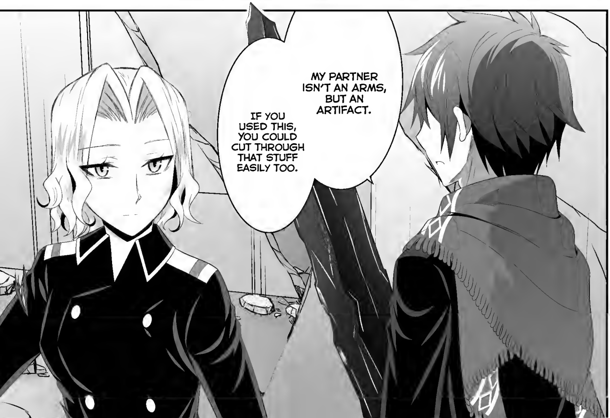
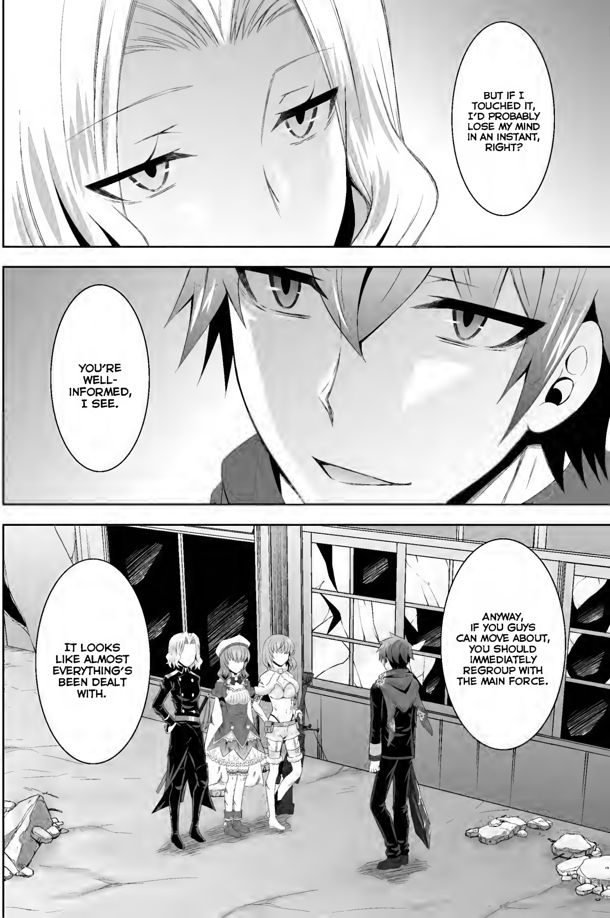
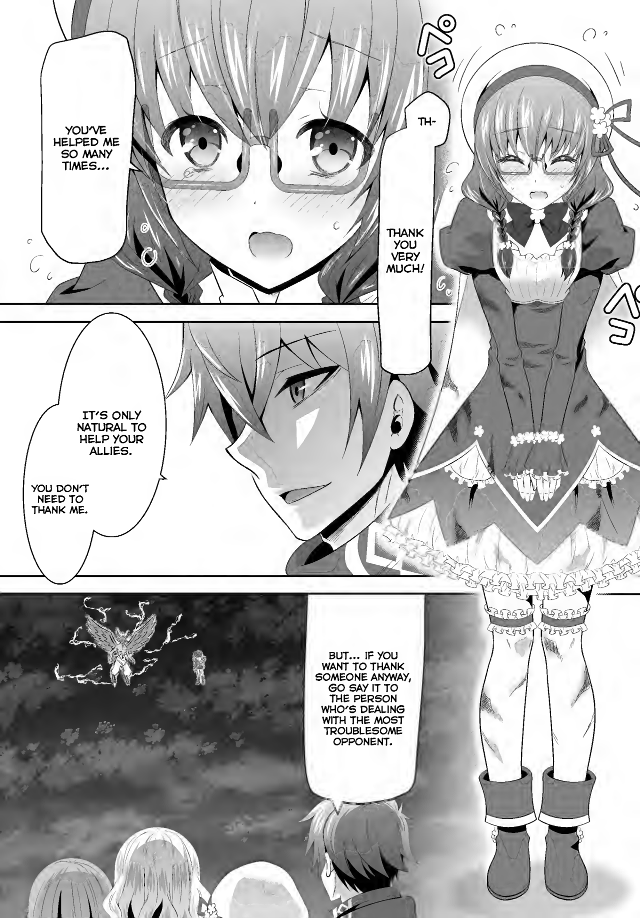

DON'T PUT YOURSELF DOWN LIKE THAT. IT WASN'T DUE TO A DIFFERENCE IN SKILL, BUT WEAPONRY.


MY PARTNER ISN'T AN ARMS, BUT AN ARTIFACT.
IF YOU USED THIS, YOU COULD CUT THROUGH THAT STUFF EASILY TOO.


BUT IF I TOUCHED IT, I'D PROBABLY LOSE MY MIND IN AN INSTANT, RIGHT?
YOU'RE WELL-INFORMED, I SEE.
ANYWAY, IF YOU GUYS CAN MOVE ABOUT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REGROUP WITH THE MAIN FORCE.
IT LOOKS LIKE ALMOST EVERYTHING'S BEEN DEALT WITH.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YOU'VE HELPED ME SO MANY TIMES...
TH-
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
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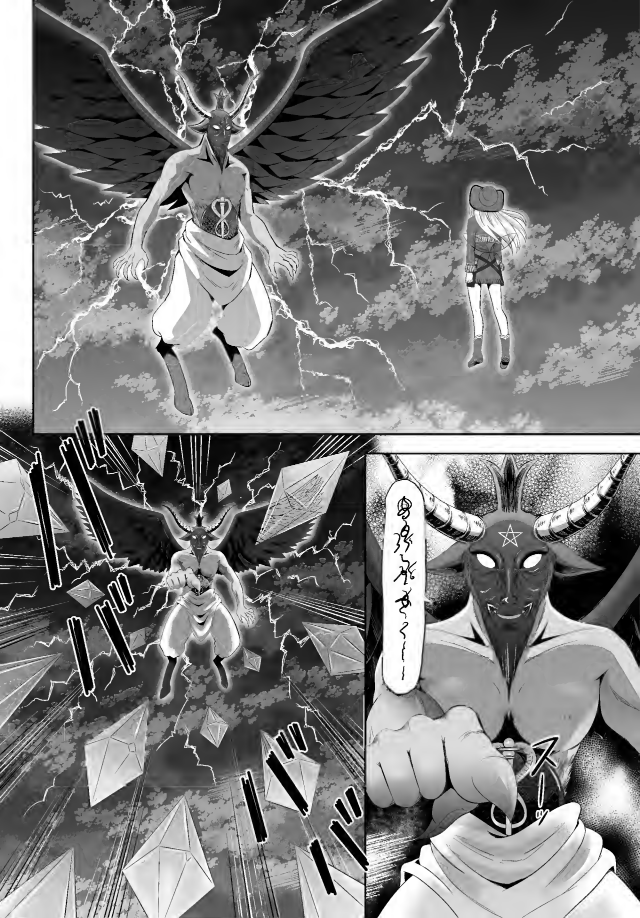
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO HELP YOUR ALLIES.
YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK ME.
BUT... IF YOU WANT TO THANK SOMEONE ANYWAY, GO SAY IT TO THE PERSON WHO'S DEALING WITH THE MOST TROUBLESOME OPPONENT.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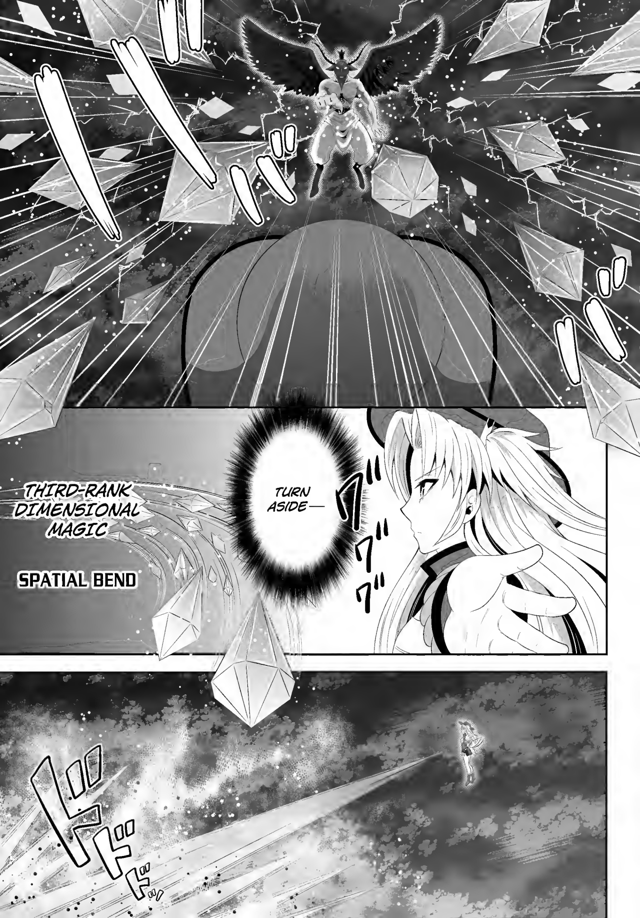
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TURN ASIDE—
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THIRD-RANK DIMENSIONAL MAGIC
SPATIAL BEND
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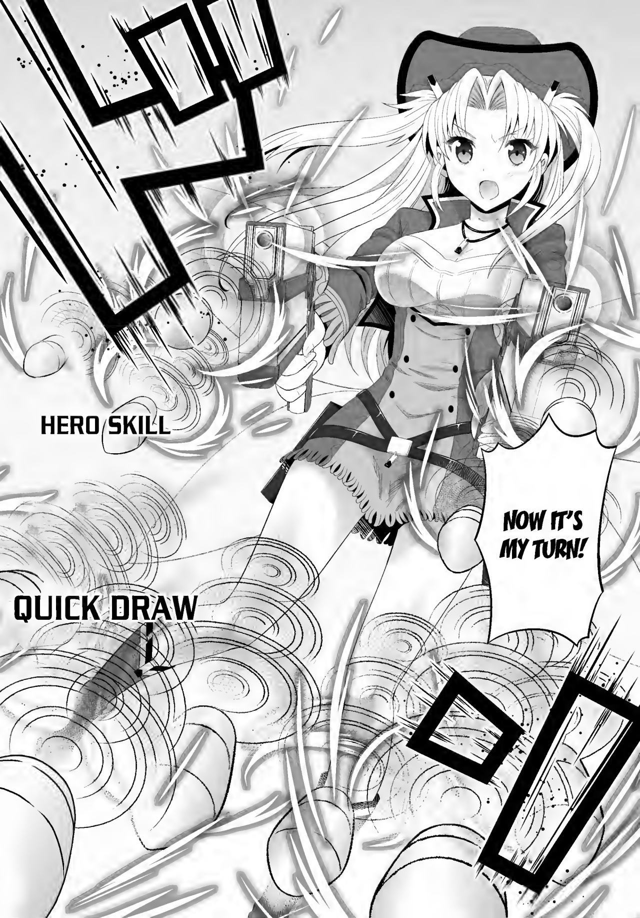
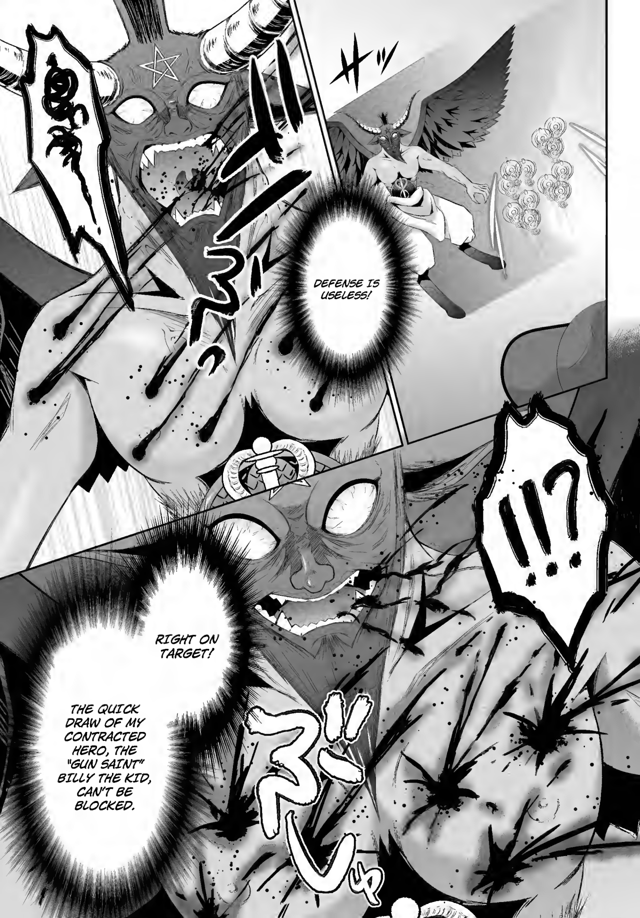

NOW IT'S MY TURN!
HERO SKILL
QUICK DRAW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DEFENSE IS USELESS!
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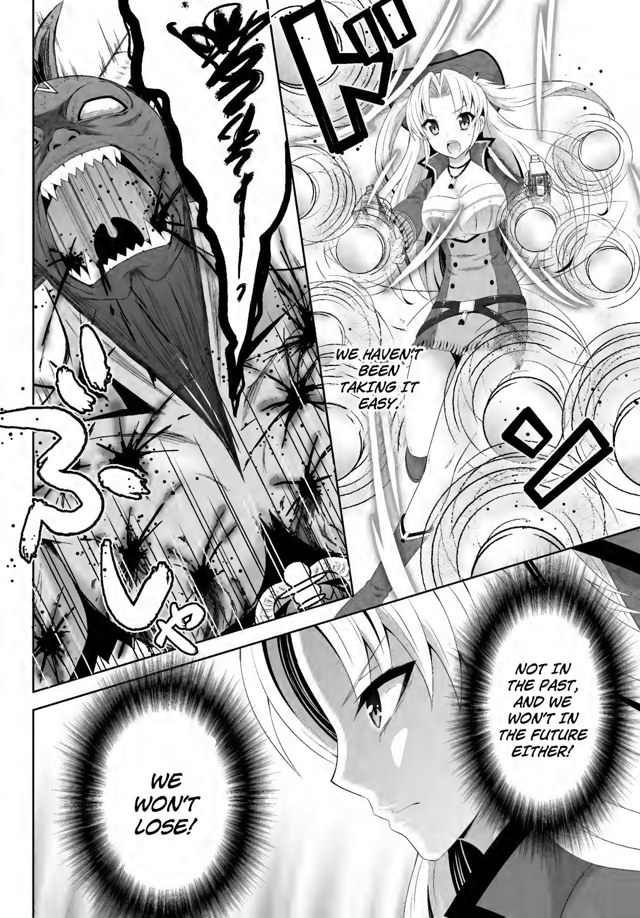
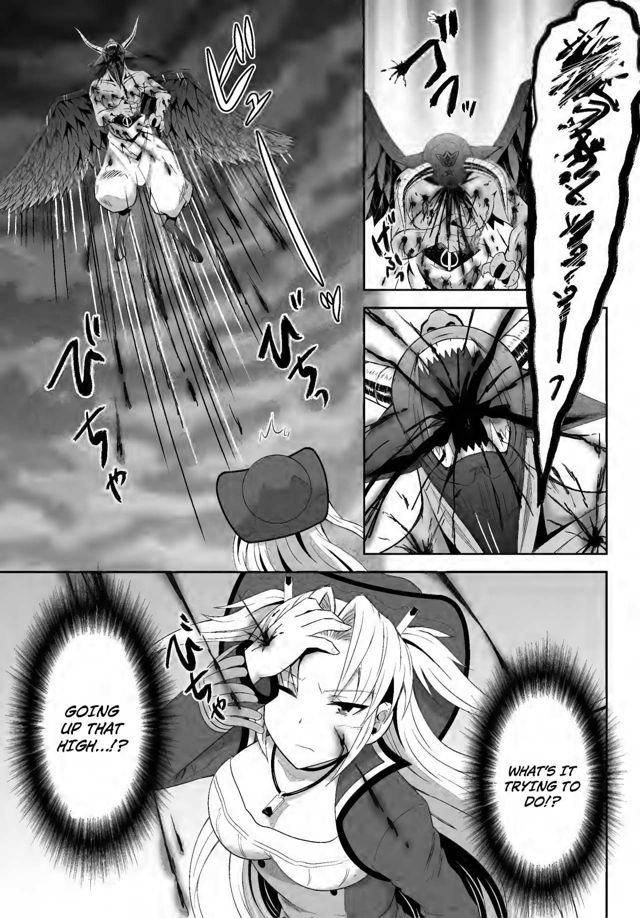
RIGHT ON TARGET!
THE QUICK DRAW OF MY CONTRACTED HERO, THE "GUN SAINT" BILLY THE KID, CAN'T BE BLOCKED.


WE HAVEN'T BEEN TAKING IT EASY.
NOT IN THE PAST, AND WE WON'T IN THE FUTURE EITHER!
WE WON'T LOSE!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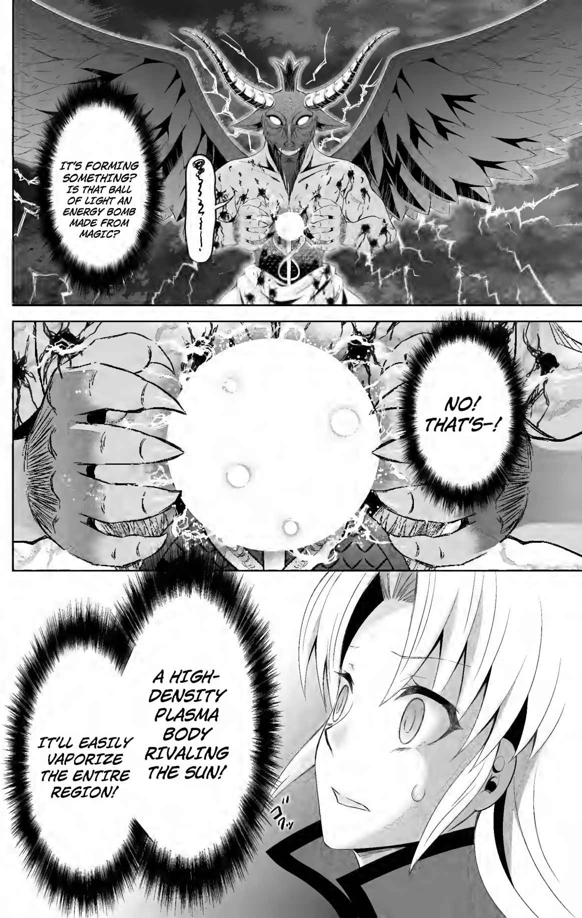
WHAT'S IT TRYING TO DO!?
GOING UP THAT HIGH...!?


IT'S FORMING SOMETHING? IS THAT BALL OF LIGHT AN ENERGY BOMB MADE FROM MAGIC?
NO! THAT'S-!
A HIGH-DENSITY PLASMA BODY RIVALING THE SUN!
IT'LL EASILY VAPORIZE THE ENTIRE REGION!
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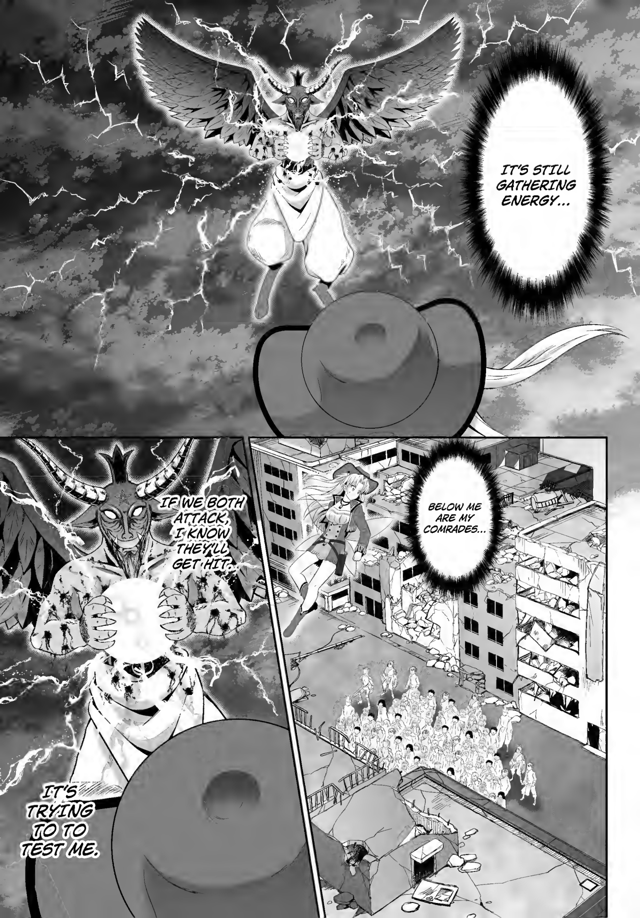
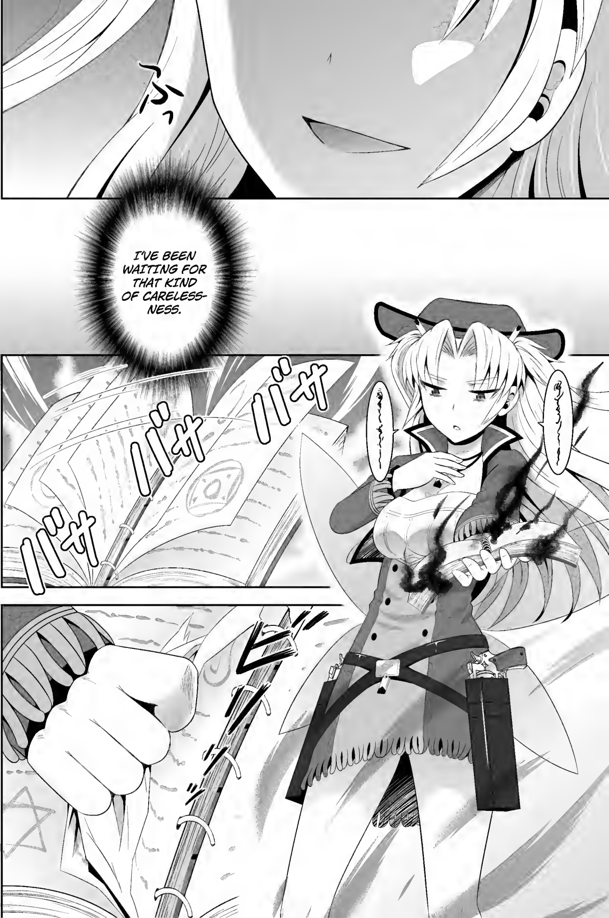

IT'S STILL GATHERING ENERGY...
BELOW ME ARE MY COMRADES...
IF WE BOTH ATTACK, I KNOW THEY'LL GET HIT...
IT'S TRYING TO TO TEST ME.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I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THAT KIND OF CARELESS-NESS.
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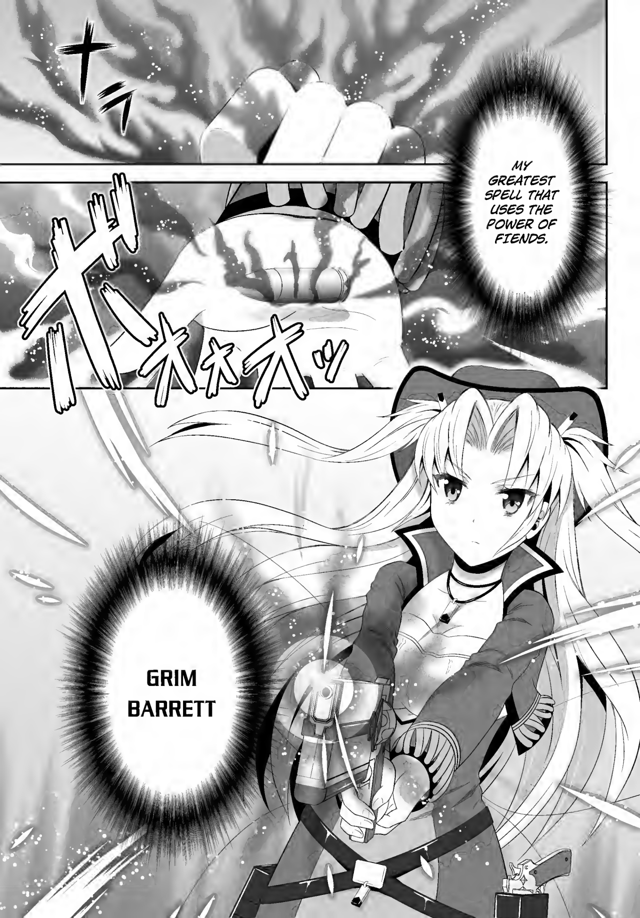
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MY GREATEST SPELL THAT USES THE POWER OF FIENDS.
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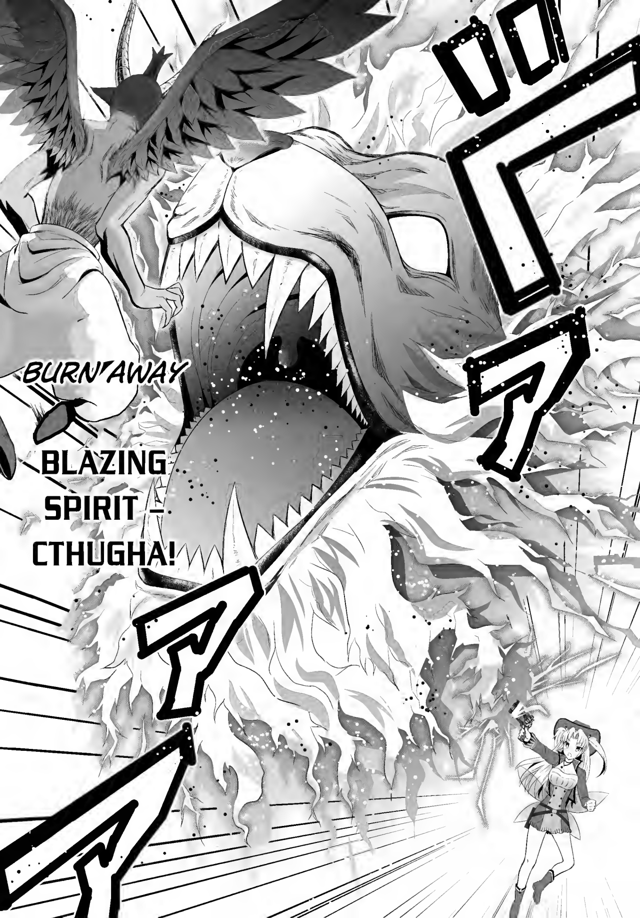
GRIM BARRETT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BURN AWAY
BLAZING SPIRIT – CTHUGHA!

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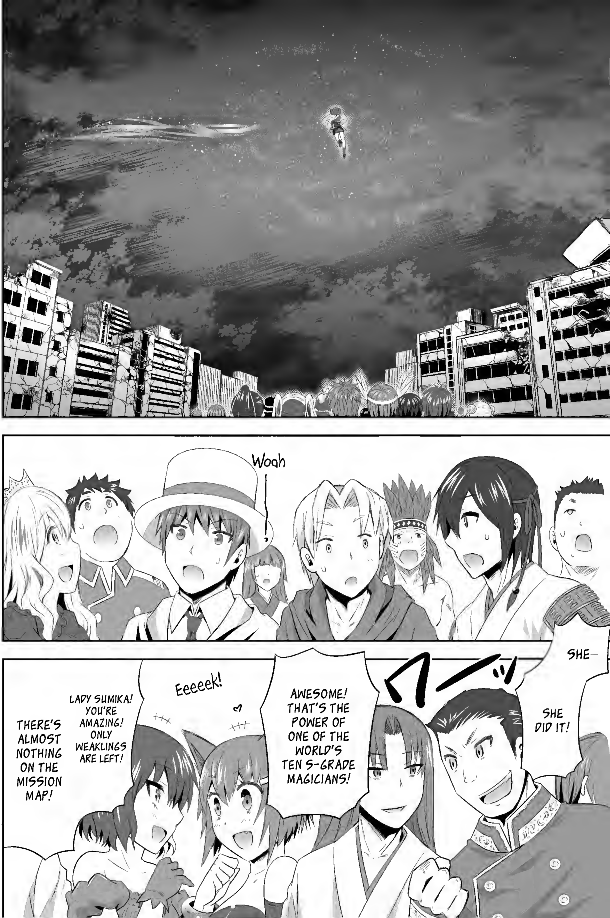
Woah
SHE—
SHE DID IT!
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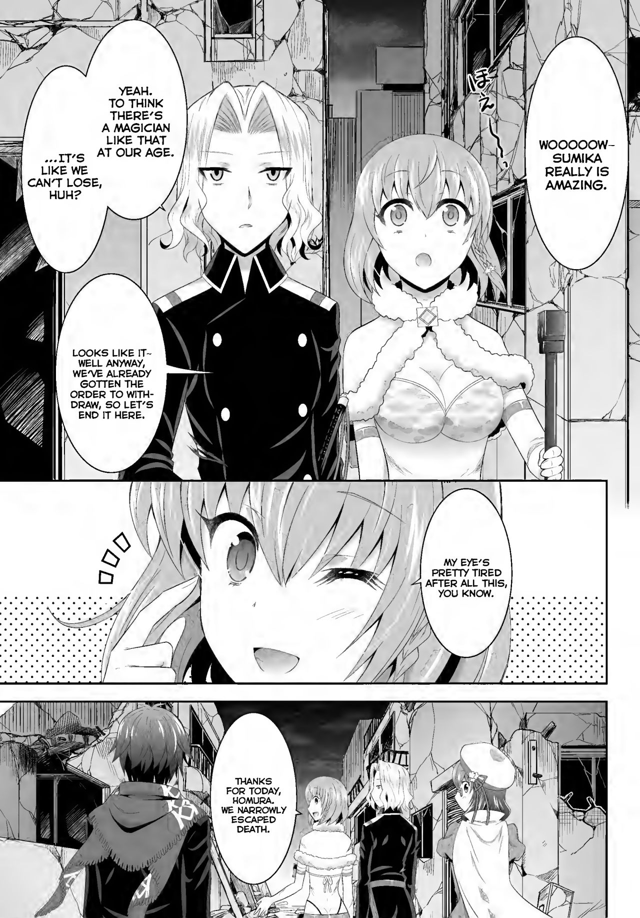
AWESOME! THAT'S THE POWER OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S TEN S-GRADE MAGICIANS!
Eeeeek!
LADY SUMIKA! YOU'RE AMAZING! ONLY WEAKLINGS ARE LEFT!
THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING ON THE MISSION MAP!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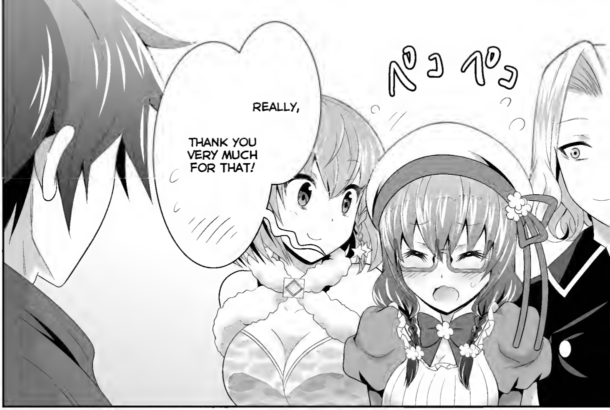
WOOOOOW- SUMIKA REALLY IS AMAZING.
YEAH. TO THINK THERE'S A MAGICIAN LIKE THAT AT OUR AGE.
...IT'S LIKE WE CAN'T LOSE, HUH?
LOOKS LIKE IT~ WELL ANYWAY, WE'VE ALREADY GOTTEN THE ORDER TO WITHDRAW, SO LET'S END IT HERE.
MY EYE'S PRETTY TIRED AFTER ALL THIS, YOU KNOW.
THANKS FOR TODAY, HOMURA. WE NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.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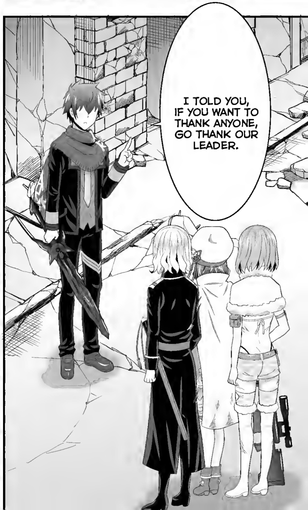
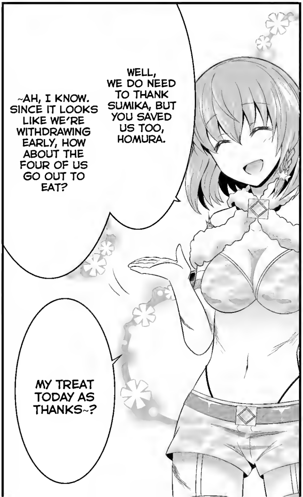
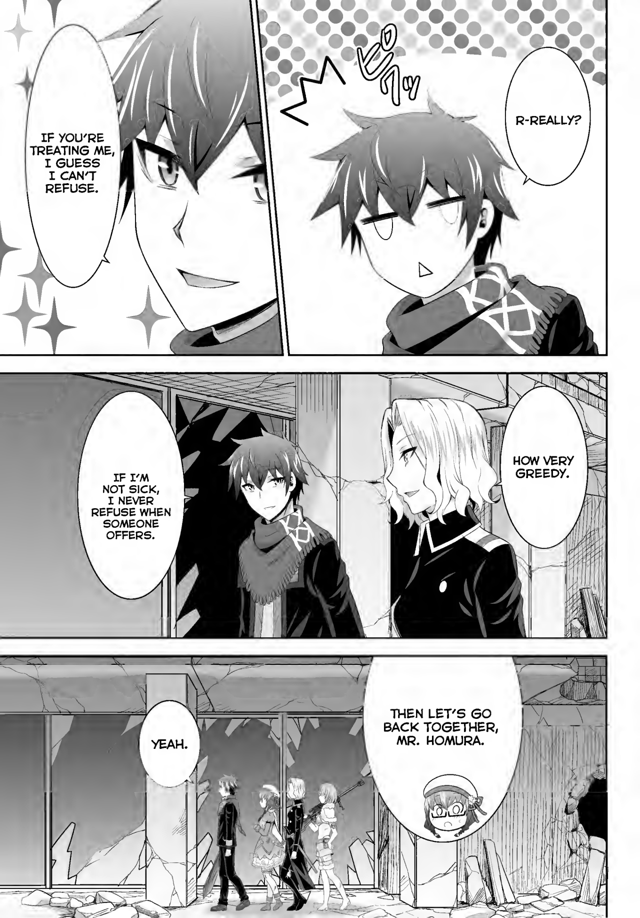
REALLY,
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT!


I TOLD YOU, IF YOU WANT TO THANK ANYONE, GO THANK OUR LEADER.


WELL, WE DO NEED TO THANK SUMIKA, BUT YOU SAVED US TOO, HOMURA.
~AH, I KNOW. SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE WITHDRAWING EARLY, HOW ABOUT THE FOUR OF US GO OUT TO EAT?
MY TREAT TODAY AS THANKS~?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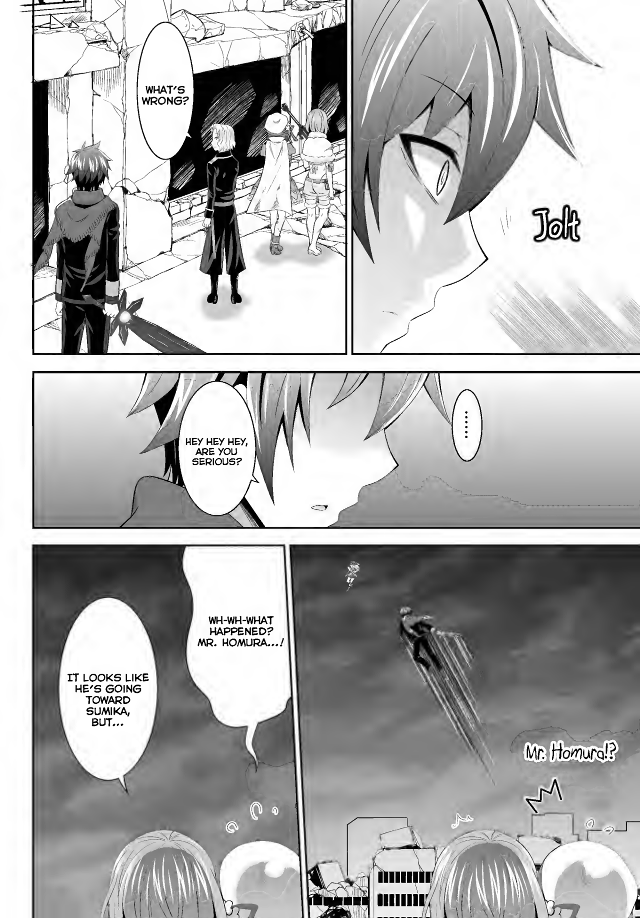
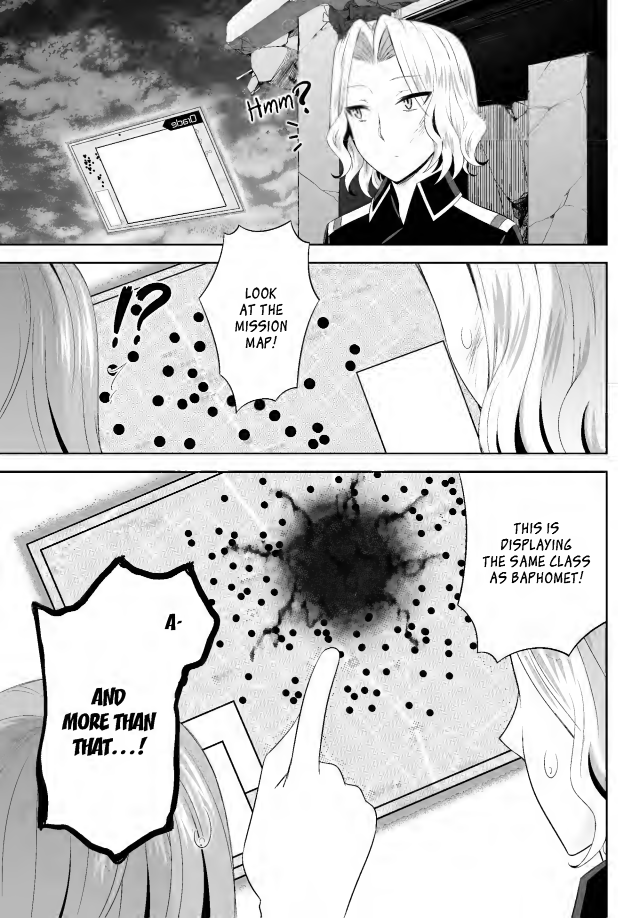
R-REALLY?
IF YOU'RE TREATING ME, I GUESS I CAN'T REFUSE.
HOW VERY GREEDY.
IF I'M NOT SICK, I NEVER REFUSE WHEN SOMEONE OFFERS.
THEN LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER, MR. HOMURA.
YEAH.


Jolt
WHAT'S WRONG?
......
HEY HEY HEY, ARE YOU SERIOUS?
Mr. Homura!?
WH-WH-WHAT HAPPENED? MR. HOMURA...!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TOWARD SUMIKA, BUT...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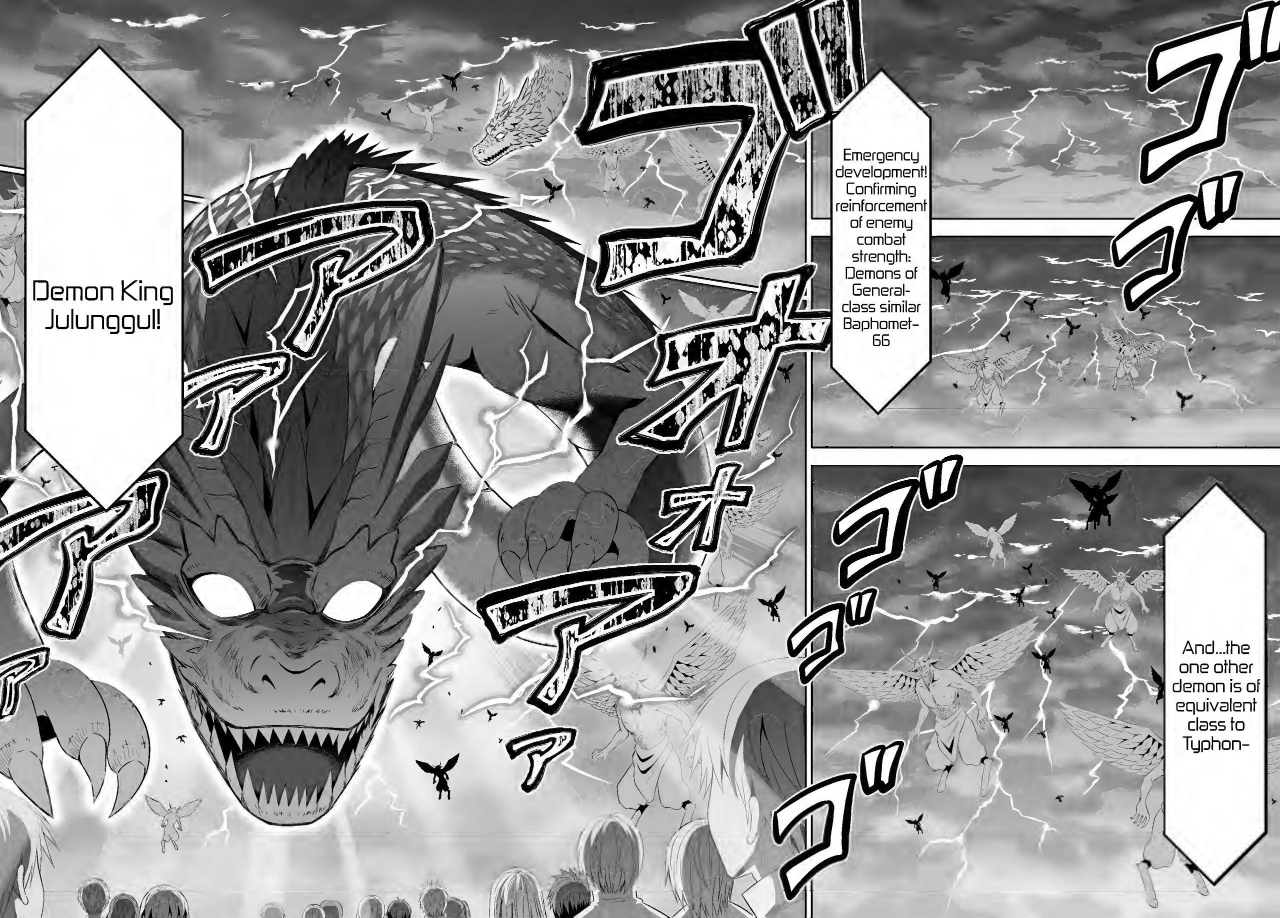
Hmm?
LOOK AT THE MISSION MAP!
!?
THIS IS DISPLAYING THE SAME CLASS AS BAPHOMET!
A-
AND MORE THAN THAT...!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Emergency development! Confirming reinforcement of enemy combat strength: Demons of General-class similar Baphomet-66
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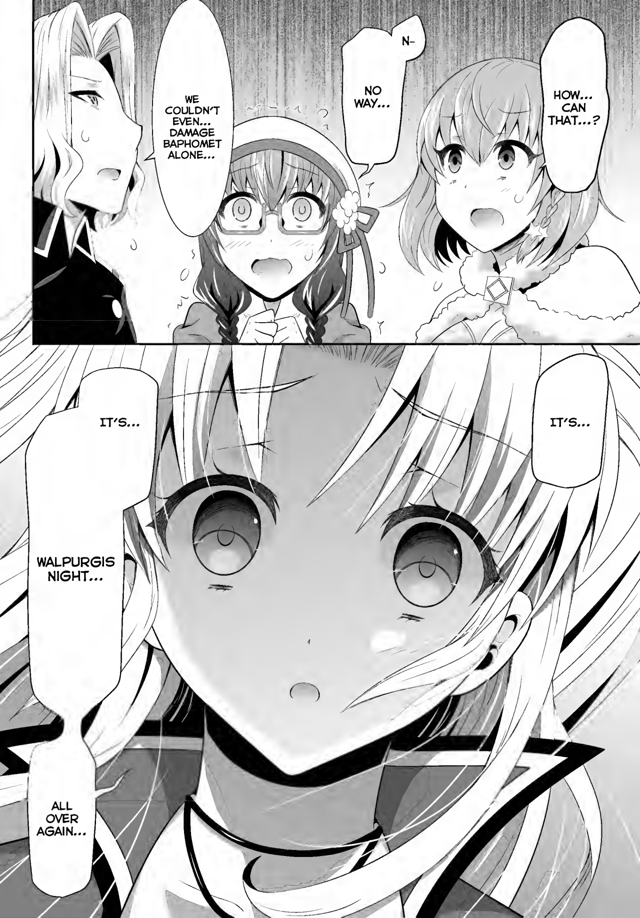
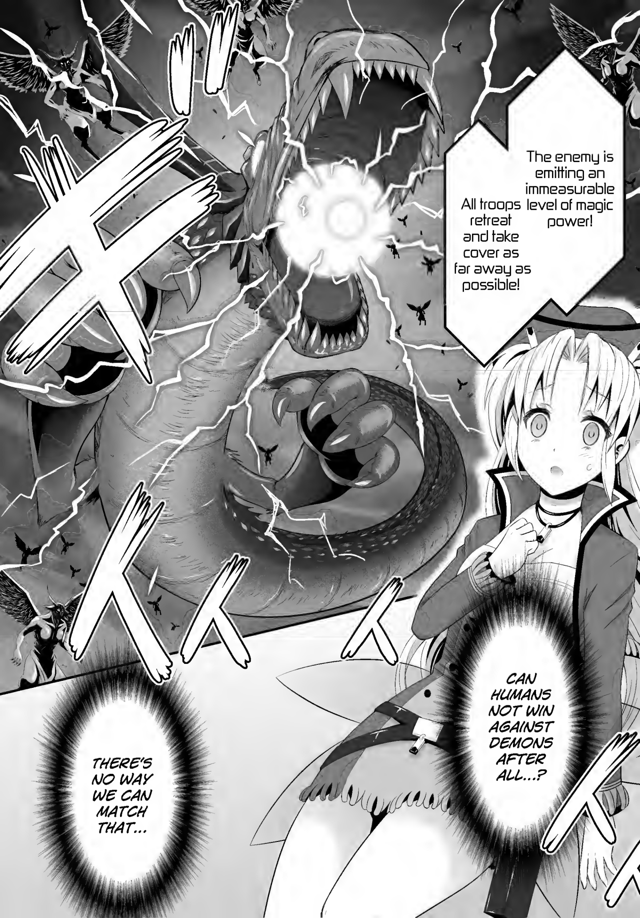
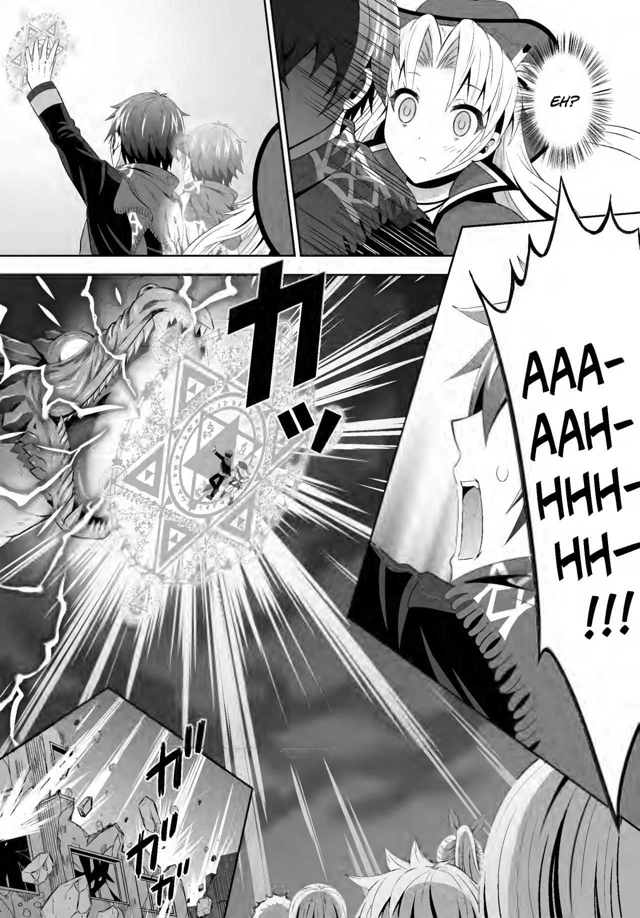
And...the one other demon is of equivalent class to Typhon-
ブオオアアアアアア
Demon King Julunggul!


How... can that...?
N-
No way...
We couldn't even... damage Baphomet alone...
It's...
It's...
Walpurgis night...
All over again...


The enemy is emitting an immeasurable level of magic power!
All troops retreat and take cover as far away as possible!
CAN HUMANS NOT WIN AGAINST DEMONS AFTER ALL...?
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN MATCH THAT...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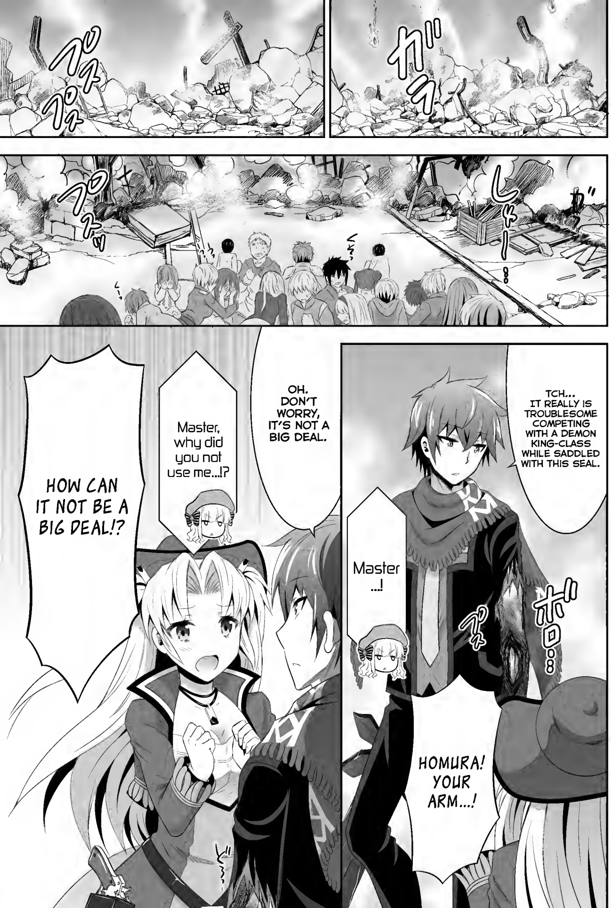
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シュー…
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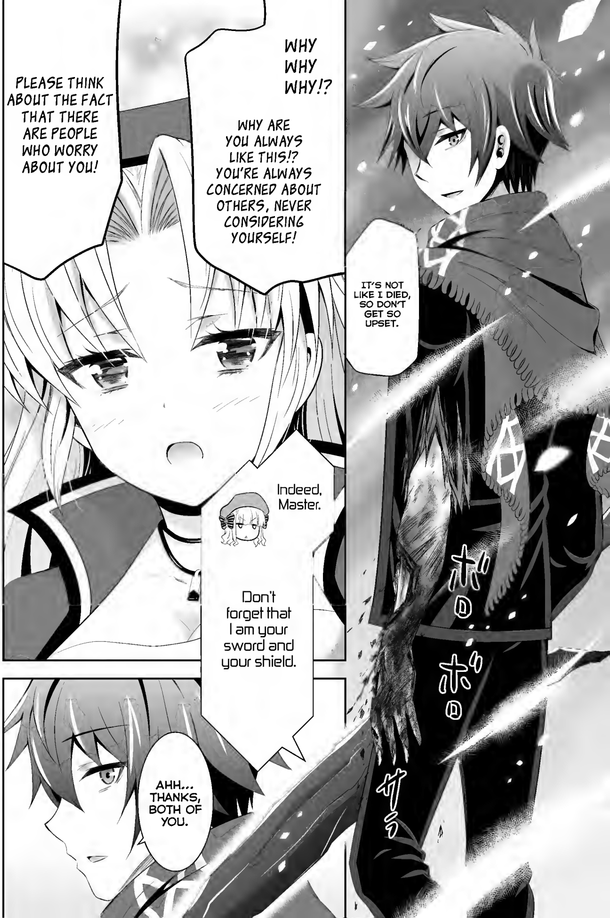
くっ
TCH… IT REALLY IS TROUBLESOME COMPETING WITH A DEMON KING-CLASS WHILE SADDLED WITH THIS SEAL.
Master …!
ボロ…
ズ
HOMURA! YOUR ARM…!
OH. DON'T WORRY, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
Master, why did you not use me…!?
HOW CAN IT NOT BE A BIG DEAL!?


IT'S NOT LIKE I DIED, SO DON'T GET SO UPSET.
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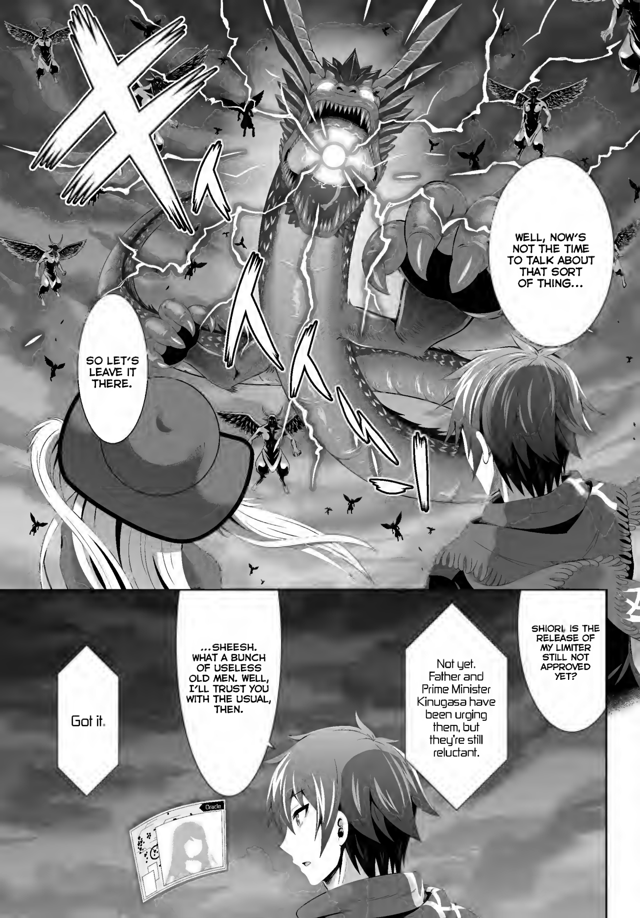
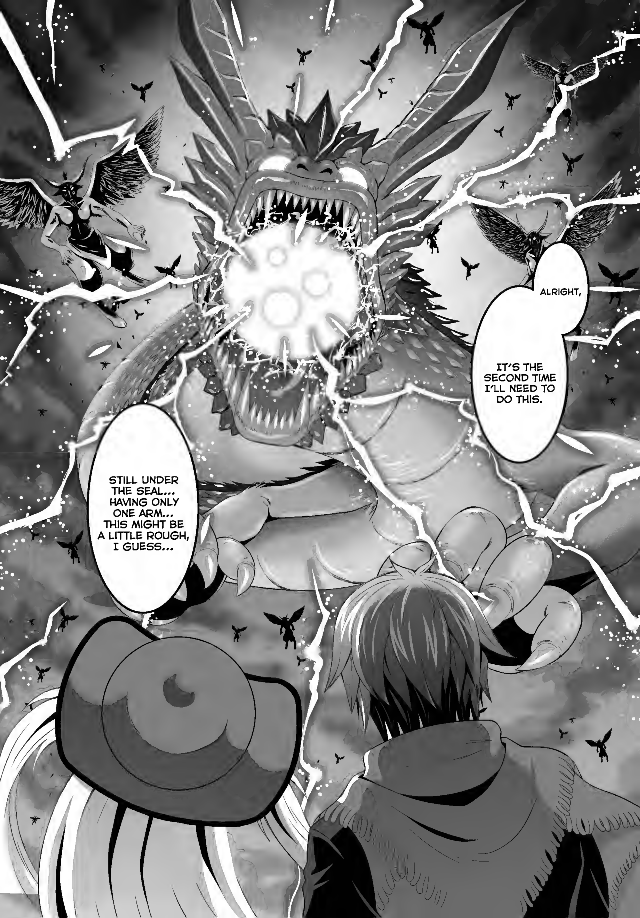
WHY WHY WHY!?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS!? YOU'RE ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT OTHERS, NEVER CONSIDERING YOURSELF!
PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WORRY ABOUT YOU!
Indeed, Master.
Don't forget that I am your sword and your shield.
AHH... THANKS, BOTH OF YOU.


WELL, NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING...
SO LET'S LEAVE IT THERE.
SHIORI, IS THE RELEASE OF MY LIMITER STILL NOT APPROVED YET?
Not yet. Father and Prime Minister Kinugasa have been urging them, but they're still reluctant.
...SHEESH. WHAT A BUNCH OF USELESS OLD MEN. WELL, I'LL TRUST YOU WITH THE USUAL, THEN.
Got it.
Oracle


ALRIGHT,
IT'S THE SECOND TIME I'LL NEED TO DO THIS.
STILL UNDER THE SEAL... HAVING ONLY ONE ARM... THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE ROUGH, I GUESS...

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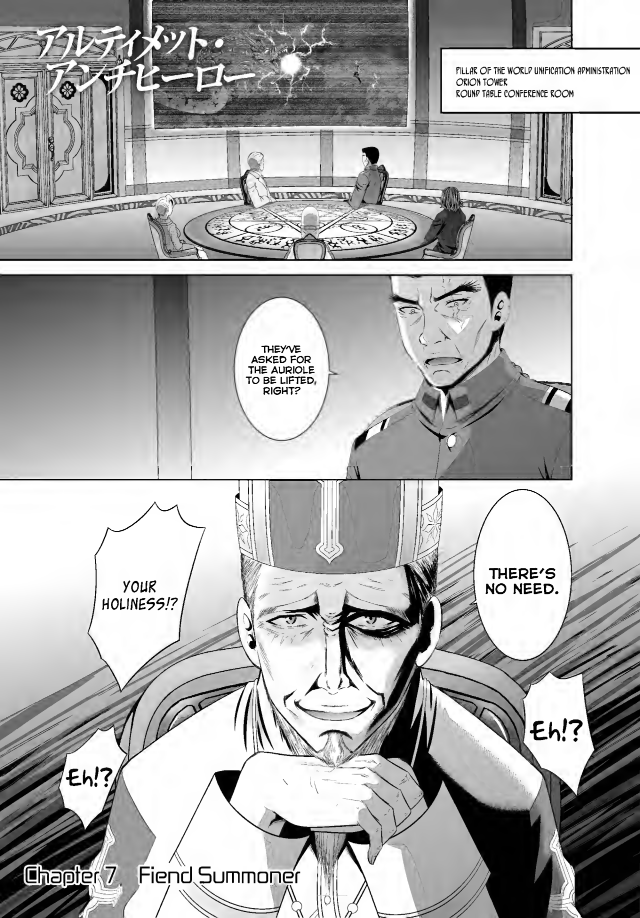
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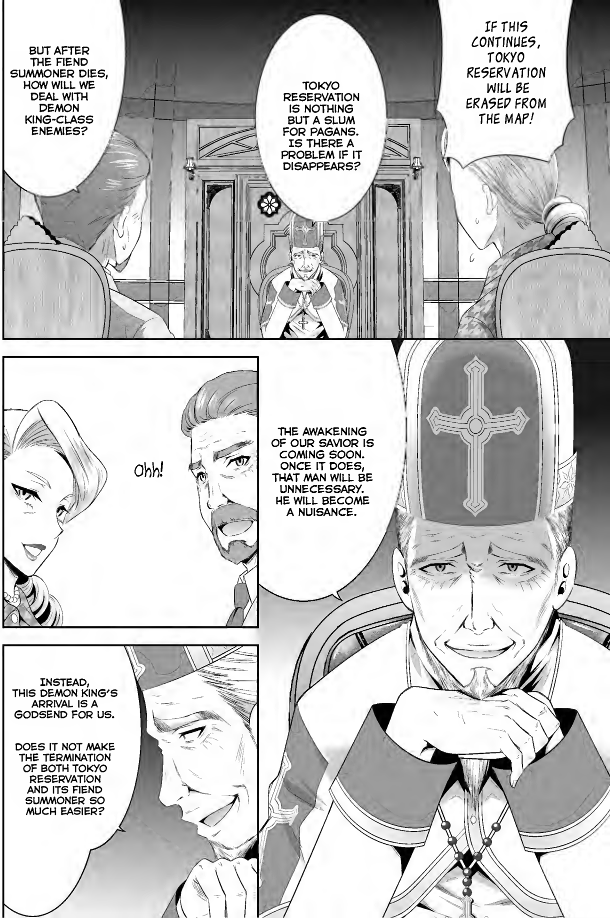
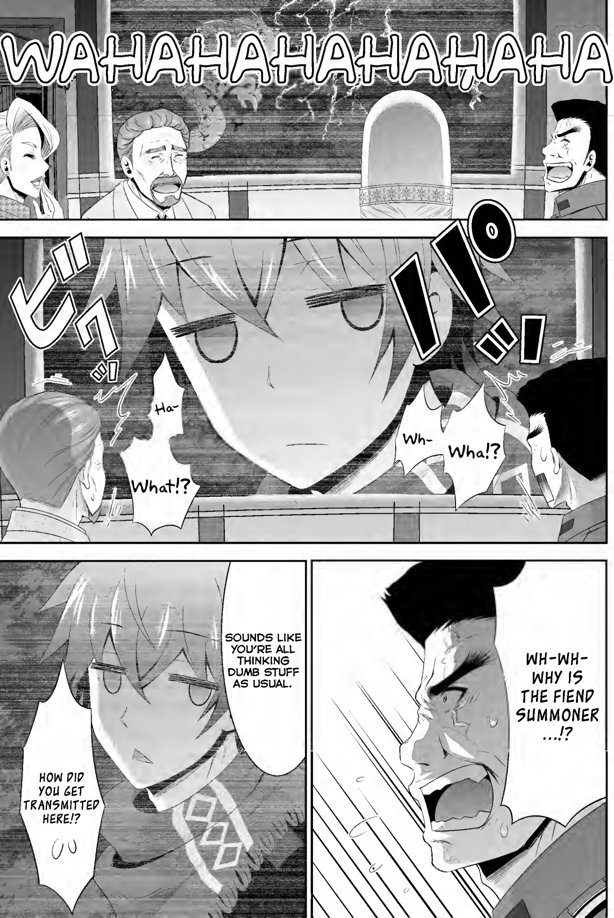
PILLAR OF THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
ORION TOWER
ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ROOM
THEY'VE ASKED FOR THE AURIOLE TO BE LIFTED, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO NEED.
YOUR HOLINESS!?
Eh!?
Eh!?

Chapter 7 Fiend Summoner


IF THIS CONTINUES, TOKYO RESERVATION WILL BE ERASED FROM THE MAP!
TOKYO RESERVATION IS NOTHING BUT A SLUM FOR PAGANS. IS THERE A PROBLEM IF IT DISAPPEARS?
BUT AFTER THE FIEND SUMMONER DIES, HOW WILL WE DEAL WITH DEMON KING-CLASS ENEMIES?
THE AWAKENING OF OUR SAVIOR IS COMING SOON. ONCE IT DOES, THAT MAN WILL BE UNNECESSARY. HE WILL BECOME A NUISANCE.
Ohh!
INSTEAD, THIS DEMON KING'S ARRIVAL IS A GODSEND FOR US.
DOES IT NOT MAKE THE TERMINATION OF BOTH TOKYO RESERVATION AND ITS FIEND SUMMONER SO MUCH EASIER?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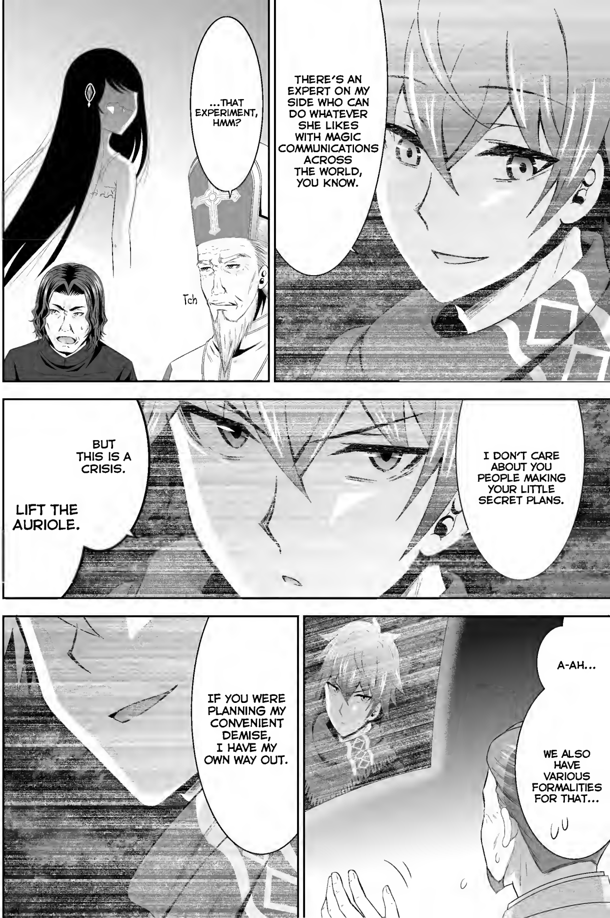
What!?
WH-WH-WHY IS THE FIEND SUMMONER ...!?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE ALL THINKING DUMB STUFF AS USUAL.
HOW DID YOU GET TRANSMITTED HERE!?


THERE'S AN EXPERT ON MY SIDE WHO CAN DO WHATEVER SHE LIKES WITH MAGIC COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD, YOU KNOW.
...THAT EXPERIMENT, HMM?
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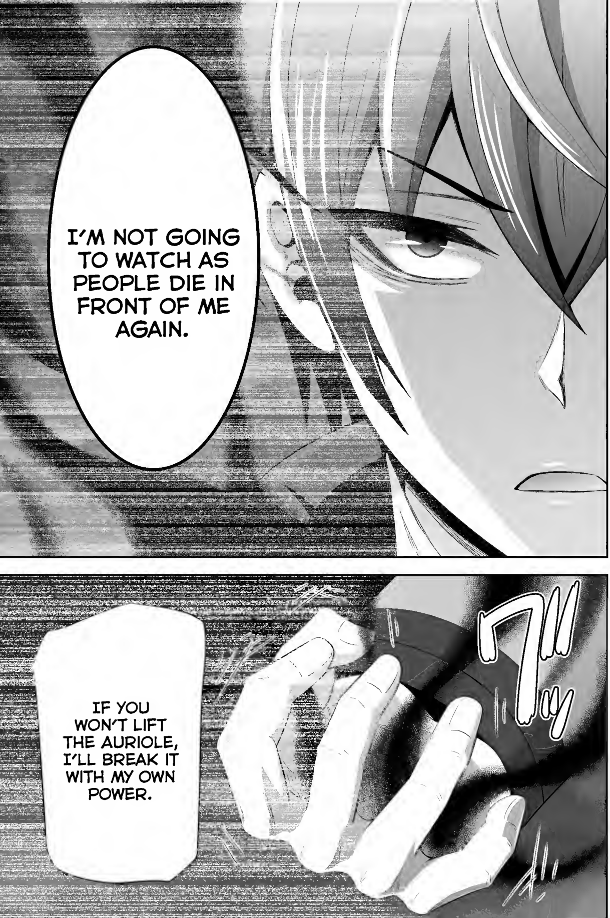
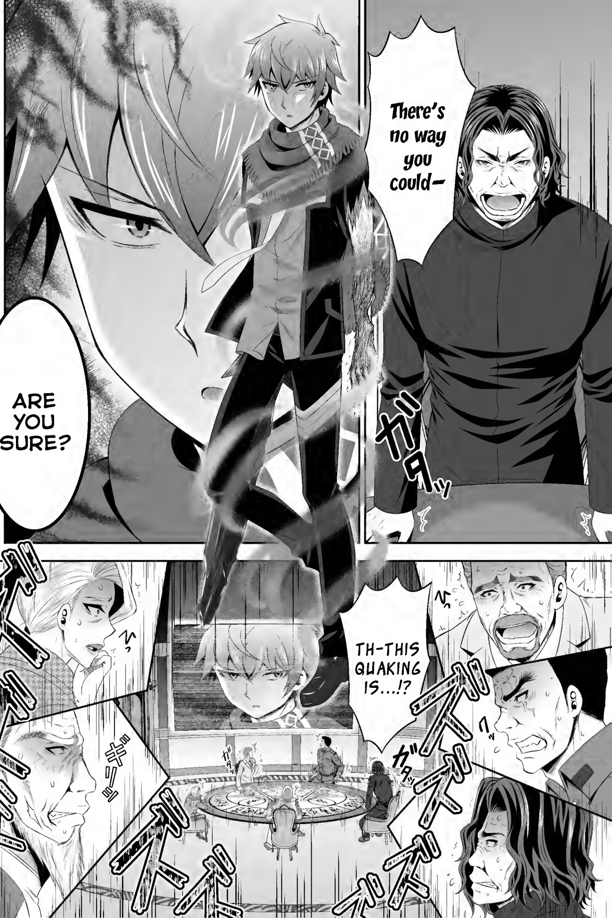
I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU PEOPLE MAKING YOUR LITTLE SECRET PLANS.
BUT THIS IS A CRISIS.
LIFT THE AURIOLE.
A-AH...
WE ALSO HAVE VARIOUS FORMALITIES FOR THAT...
IF YOU WERE PLANNING MY CONVENIENT DEMISE, I HAVE MY OWN WAY OUT.


I'M NOT GOING TO WATCH AS PEOPLE DIE IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN.
IF YOU WON'T LIFT THE AURIOLE, I'LL BREAK IT WITH MY OWN POWER.


There's no way you could—
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ARE YOU SURE?
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TH-THIS QUAKING IS...!?
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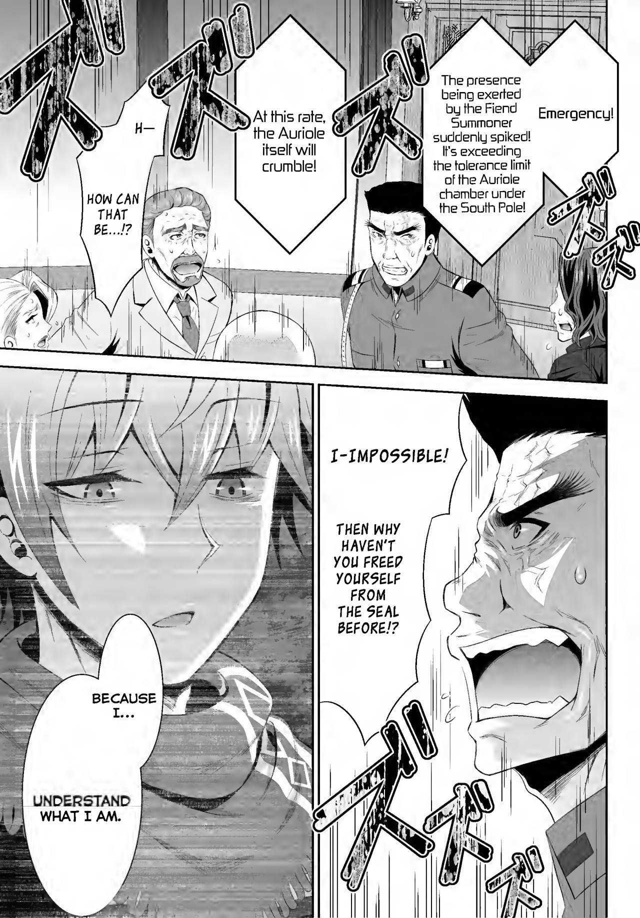
Emergency!
The presence being exerted by the Fiend Summoner suddenly spiked! It's exceeding the tolerance limit of the Auriole chamber under the South Pole!
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At this rate, the Auriole itself will crumble!
H—
HOW CAN THAT BE...!?
I-IMPOSSIBLE!
THEN WHY HAVEN'T YOU FREED YOURSELF FROM THE SEAL BEFORE!?
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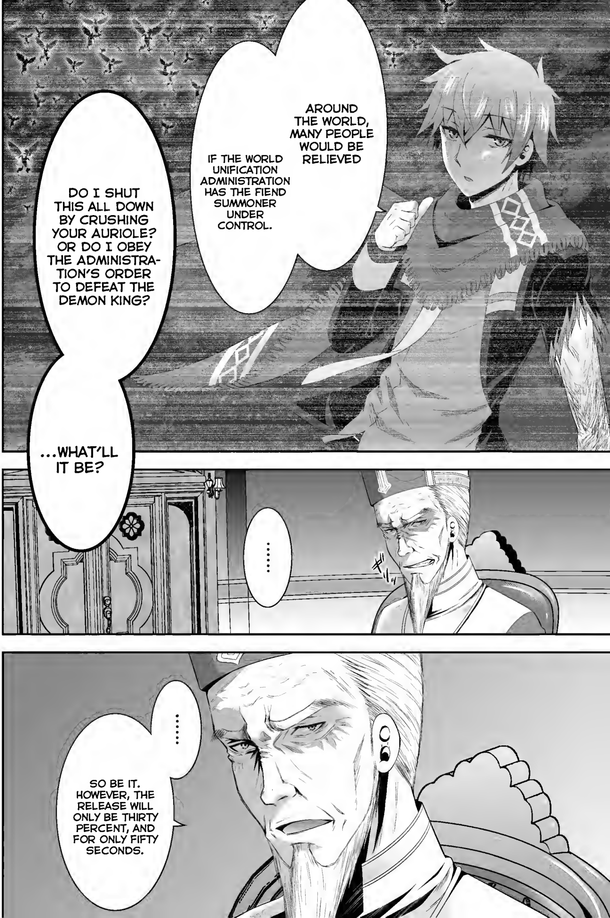
BECAUSE I...
UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM.


AROUND THE WORLD, MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE RELIEVED
IF THE WORLD UNIFICATION ADMINISTRATION HAS THE FIEND SUMMONER UNDER CONTROL.
DO I SHUT THIS ALL DOWN BY CRUSHING YOUR AURIOLE? OR DO I OBEY THE ADMINISTRATION'S ORDER TO DEFEAT THE DEMON KING?
...WHAT'LL IT BE?
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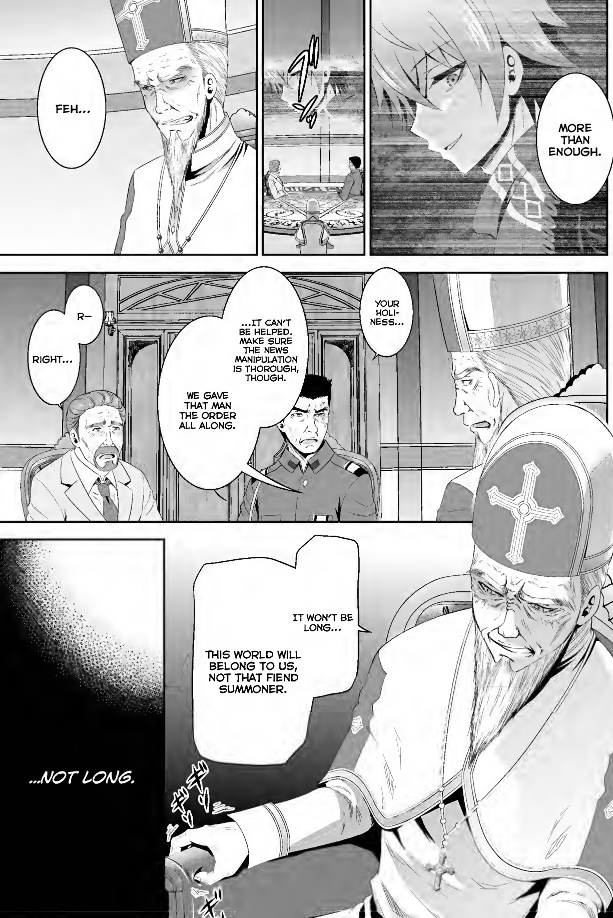
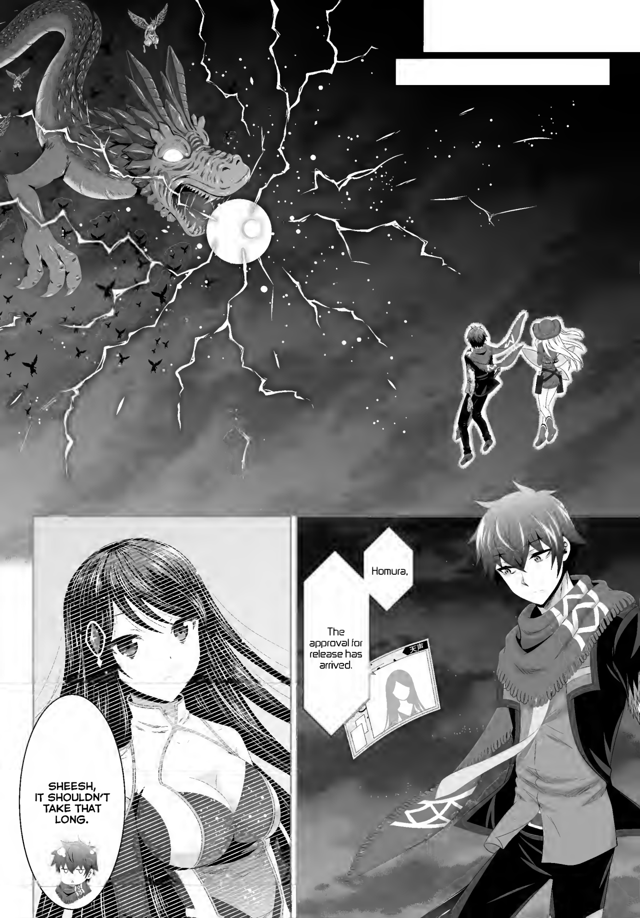
SO BE IT. HOWEVER, THE RELEASE WILL ONLY BE THIRTY PERCENT, AND FOR ONLY FIFTY SECONDS.


MORE THAN ENOUGH.
FEH...
YOUR HOLINESS...
...IT CAN'T BE HELPED. MAKE SURE THE NEWS MANIPULATION IS THOROUGH, THOUGH.
WE GAVE THAT MAN THE ORDER ALL ALONG.
R— RIGHT...
IT WON'T BE LONG...
THIS WORLD WILL BELONG TO US, NOT THAT FIEND SUMMONER.
...NOT LONG.


Homura,
The approval for release has arrived.
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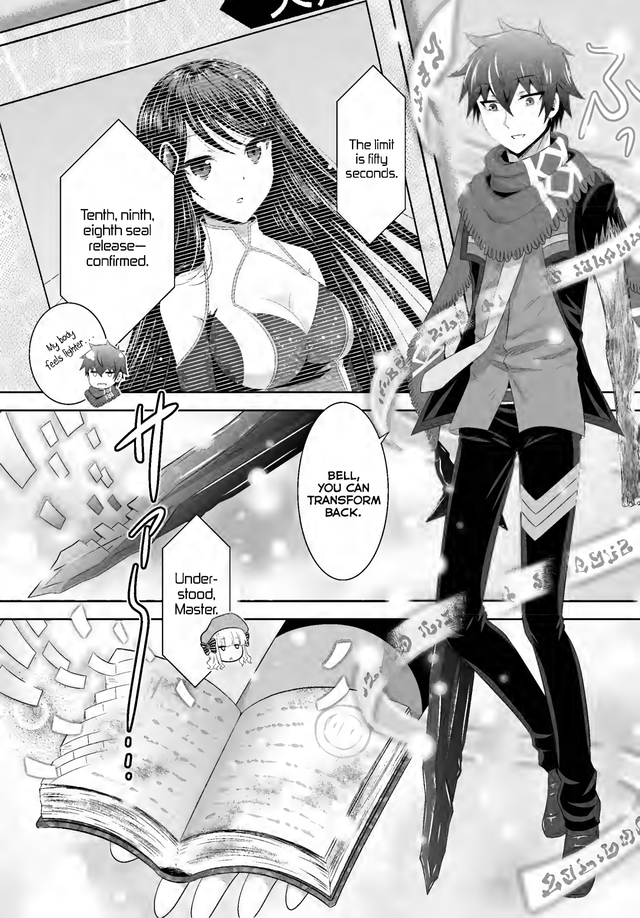
SHEESH, IT SHOULDN'T TAKE THAT LONG.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The limit is fifty seconds.
Tenth, ninth, eighth seal release—confirmed.
My body feels lighter . . .
BELL, YOU CAN TRANSFORM BACK.
Understood, Master.
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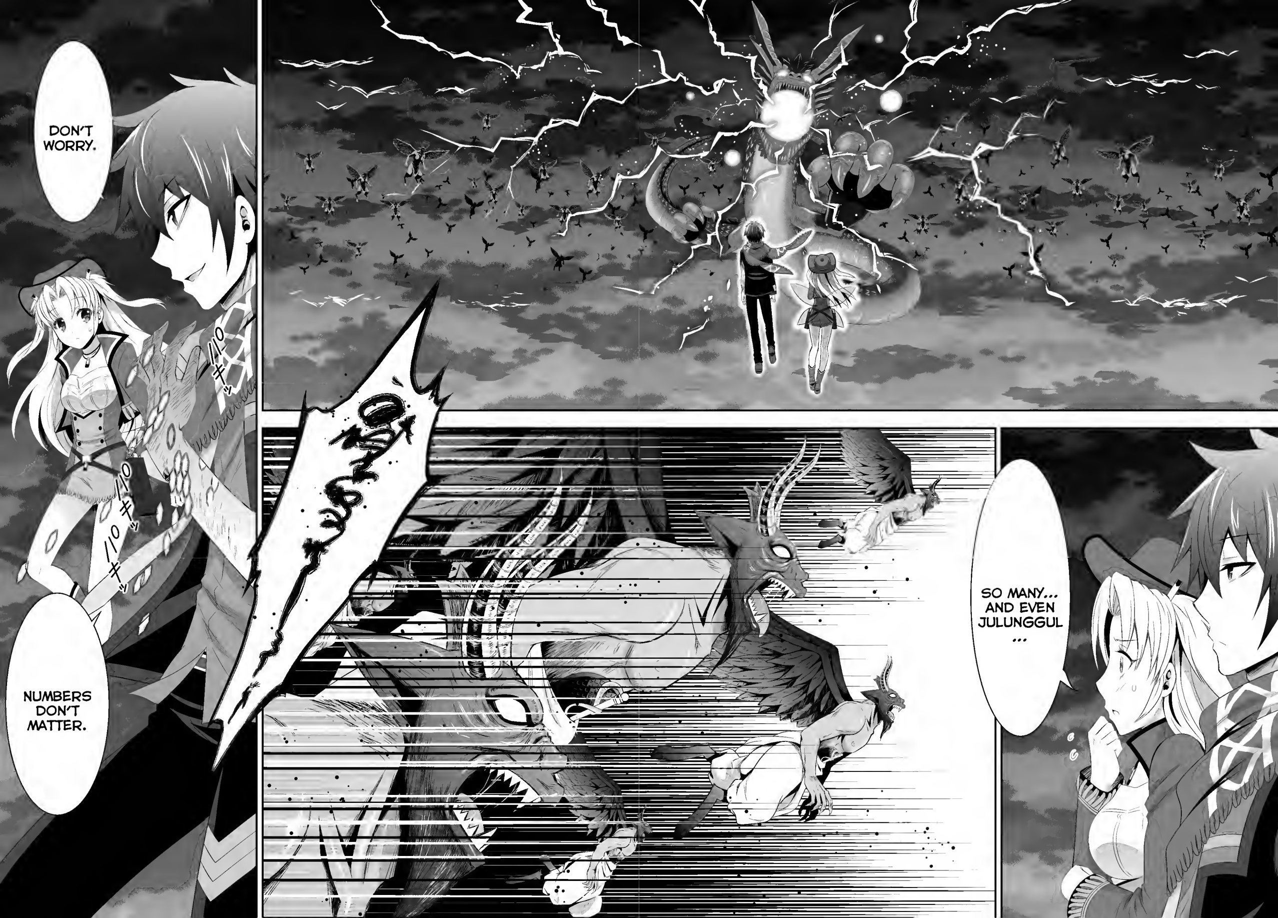
SO MANY... AND EVEN JULUNGGUL ...
DON'T WORRY.
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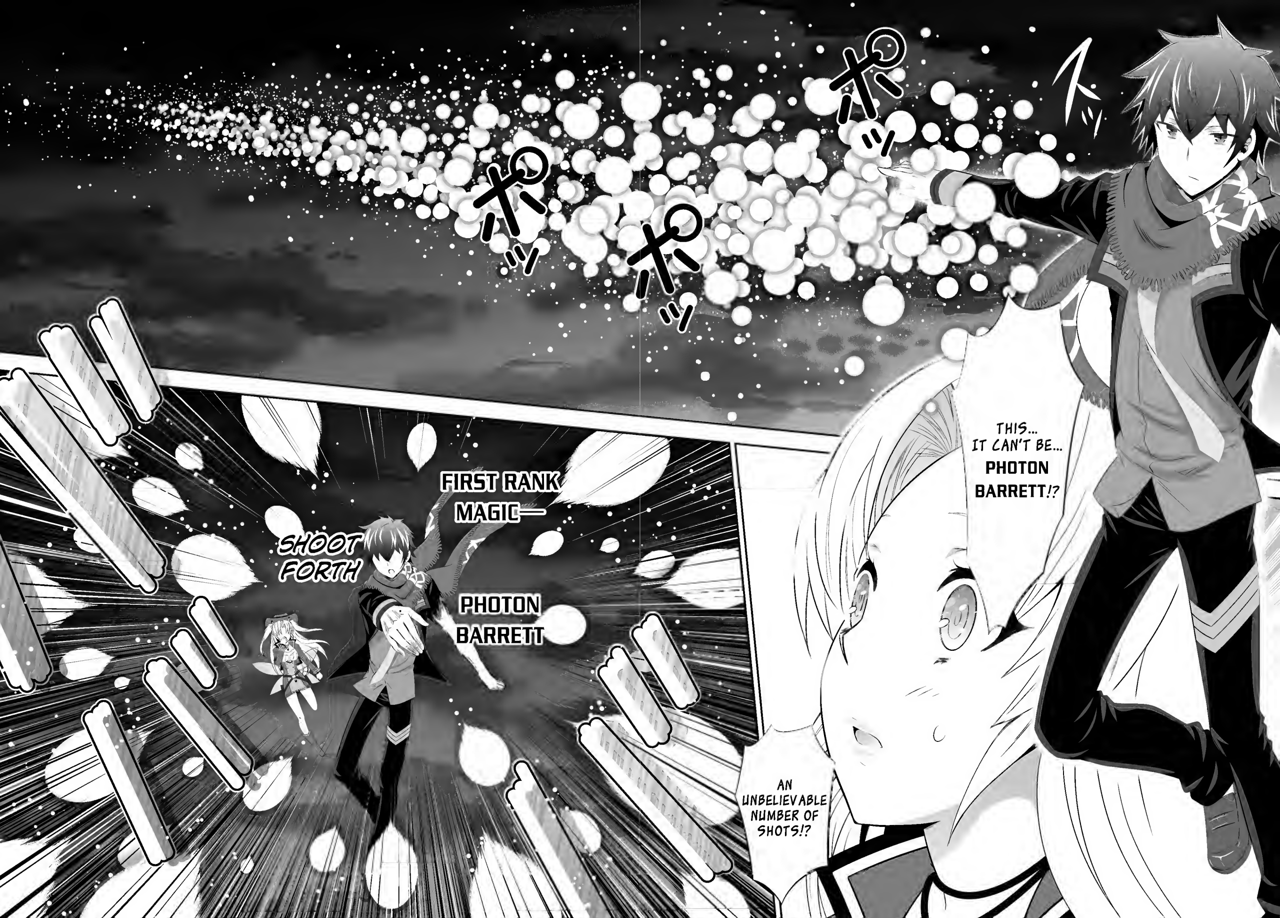
NUMBERS DON'T MATTER.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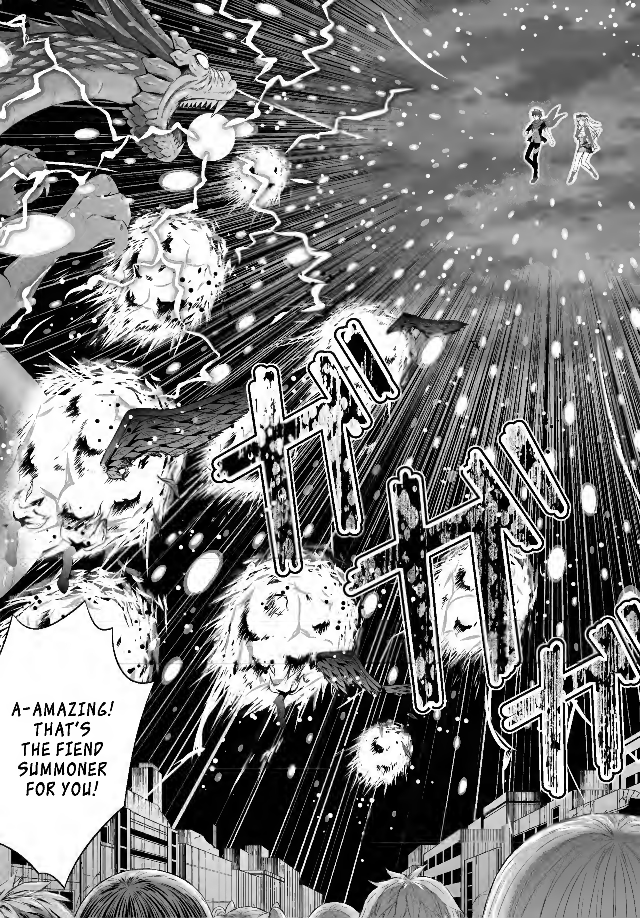
THIS... IT CAN'T BE... PHOTON BARRETT!?
AN UNBELIEVABLE NUMBER OF SHOTS!?
FIRST RANK MAGIC—
SHOOT FORTH
PHOTON BARRETT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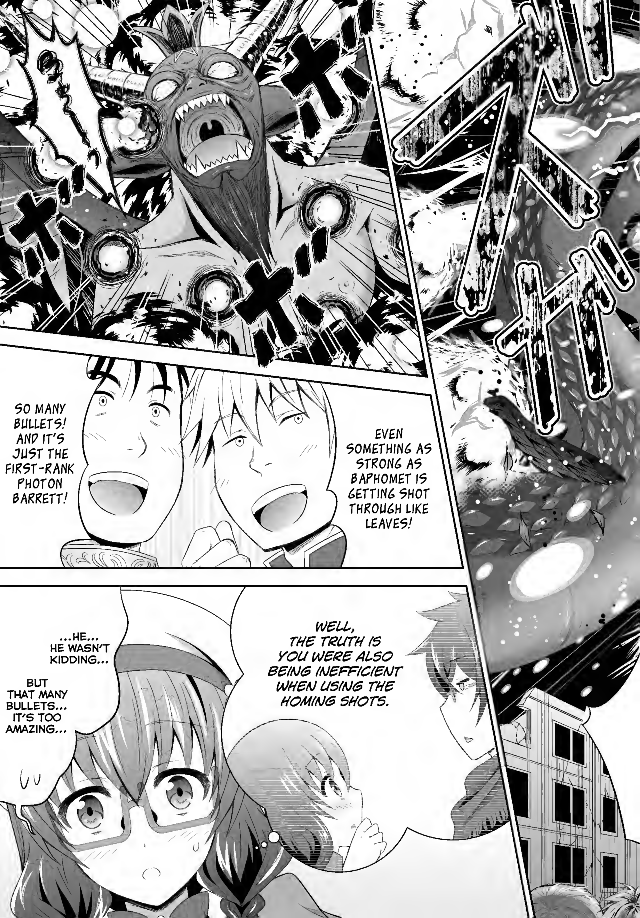
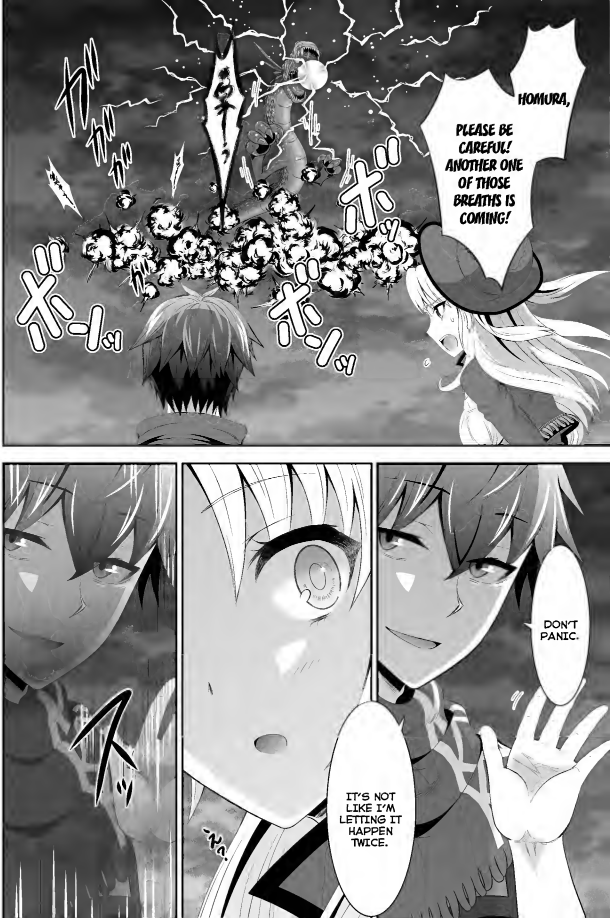
A-AMAZING! THAT'S THE FIEND SUMMONER FOR YOU!


EVEN SOMETHING AS STRONG AS BAPHOMET IS GETTING SHOT THROUGH LIKE LEAVES!
SO MANY BULLETS! AND IT'S JUST THE FIRST-RANK PHOTON BARRETT!
WELL, THE TRUTH IS YOU WERE ALSO BEING INEFFICIENT WHEN USING THE HOMING SHOTS.
...HE... HE WASN'T KIDDING...
BUT THAT MANY BULLETS... IT'S TOO AMAZING...


HOMURA,
PLEASE BE CAREFUL! ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE BREATHS IS COMING!
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DON'T PANIC.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M LETTING IT HAPPEN TWICE.
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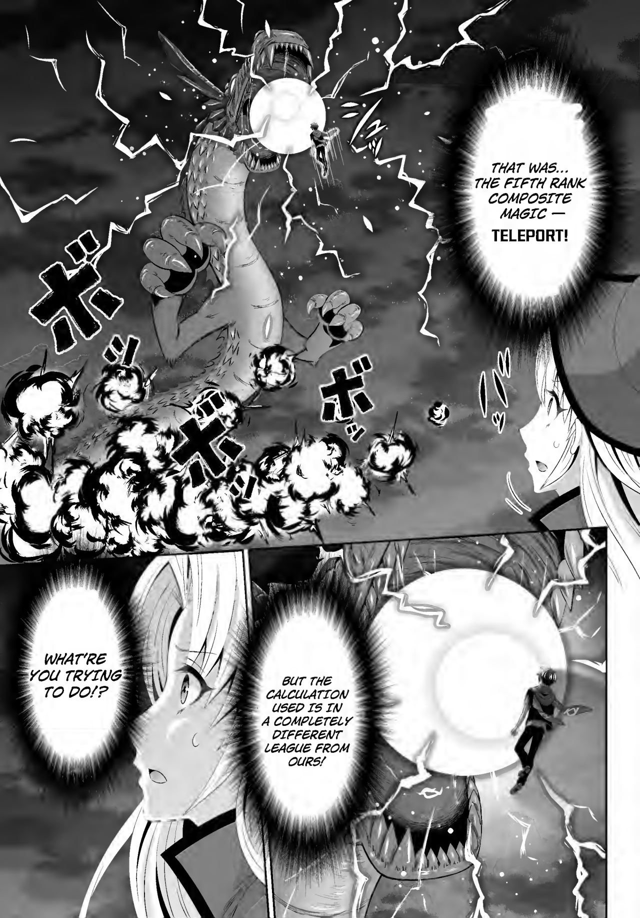
THAT WAS... THE FIFTH RANK COMPOSITE MAGIC — **TELEPORT!**
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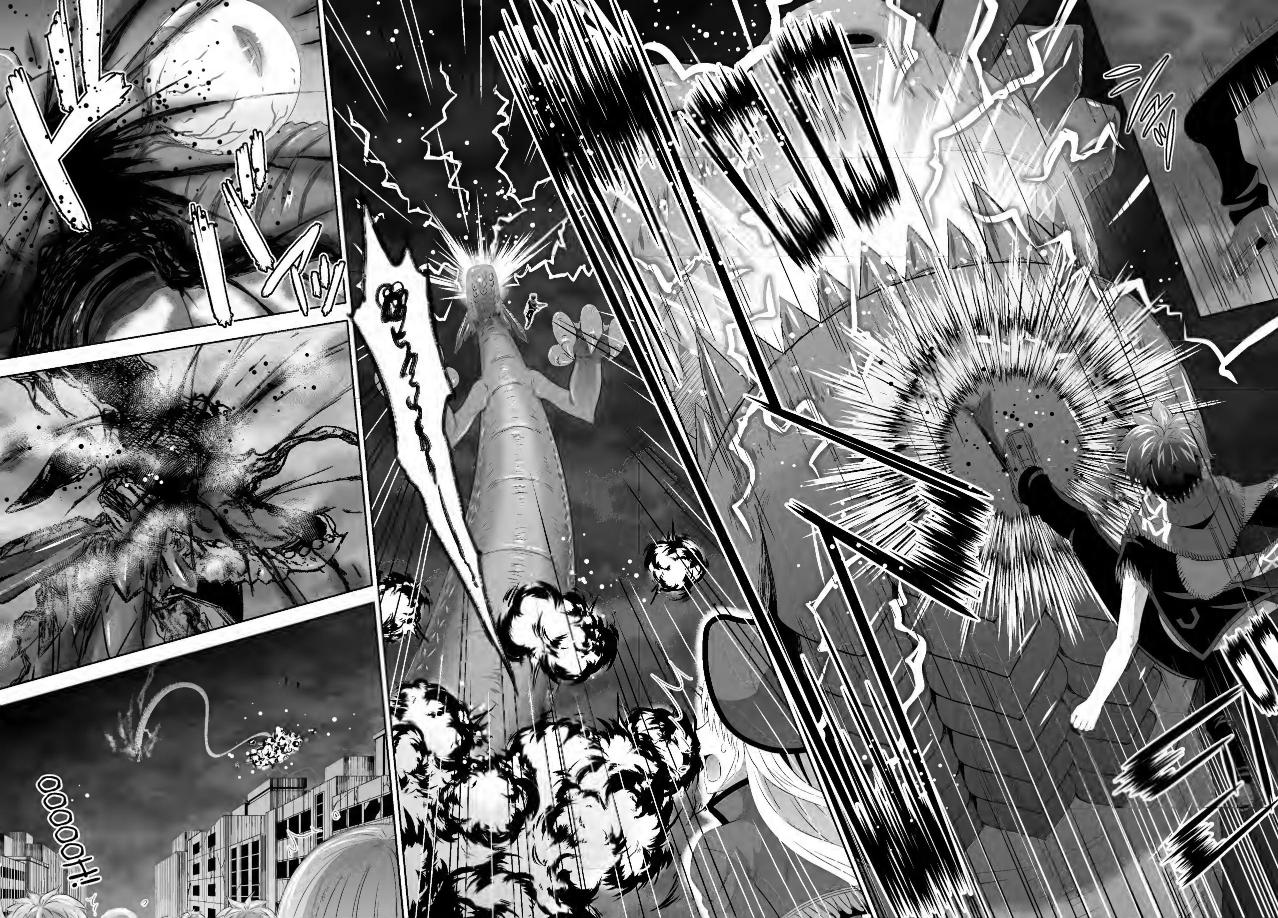
BUT THE CALCULATION USED IS IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEAGUE FROM OURS!
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO!?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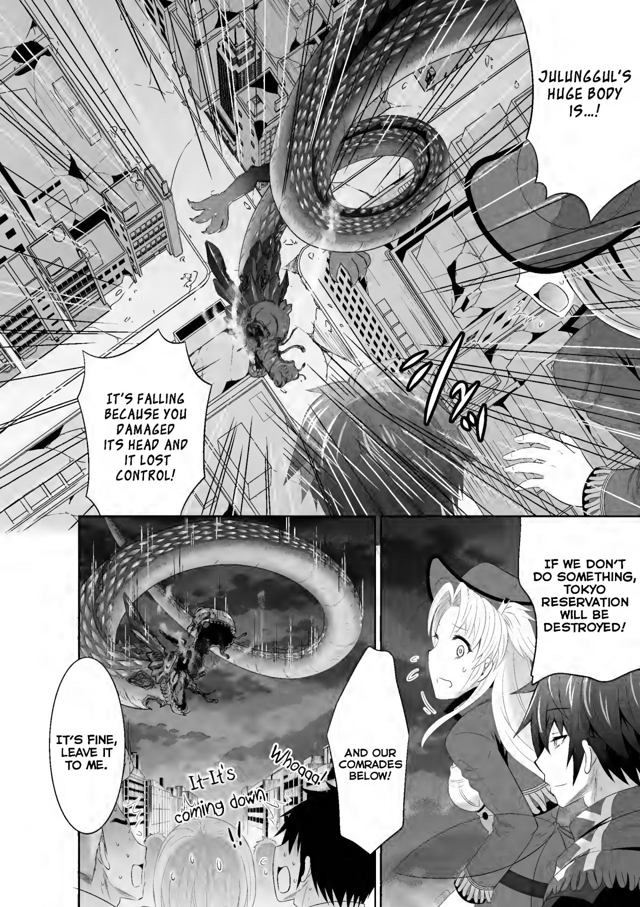
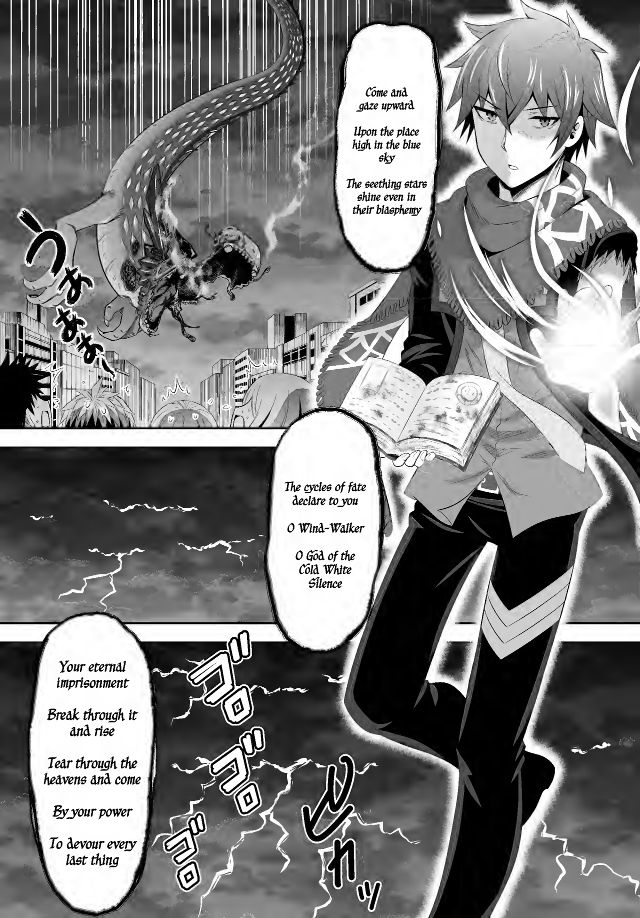

JULUNGGUL'S HUGE BODY IS...!
IT'S FALLING BECAUSE YOU DAMAGED ITS HEAD AND IT LOST CONTROL!
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, TOKYO RESERVATION WILL BE DESTROYED!
AND OUR COMRADES BELOW!
Whoaaa!
It-It's coming down!!
IT'S FINE, LEAVE IT TO ME.


Come and gaze upward Upon the place high in the blue sky The seething stars shine even in their blasphemy
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The cycles of fate declare to you O Wind-Walker O God of the Cold White Silence
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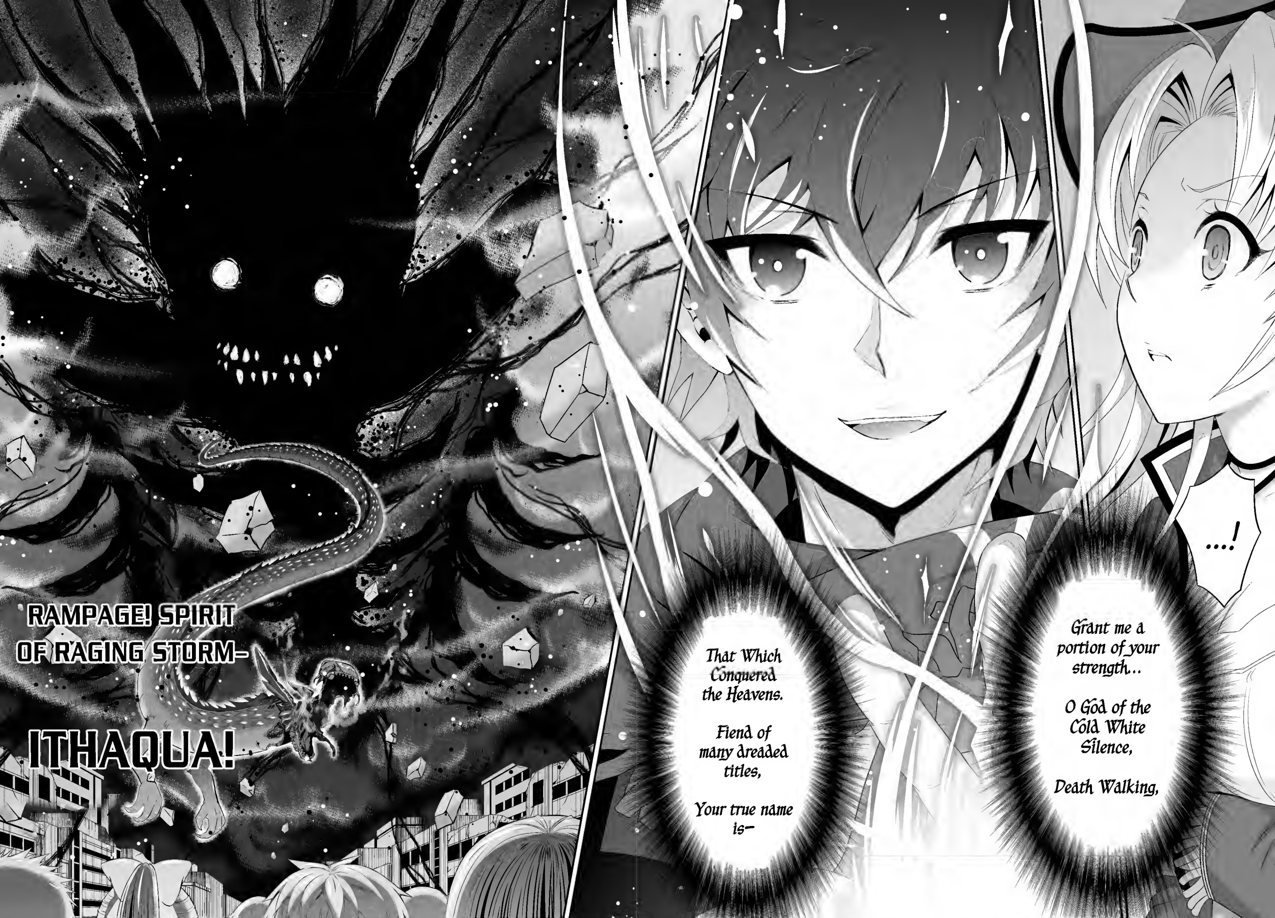
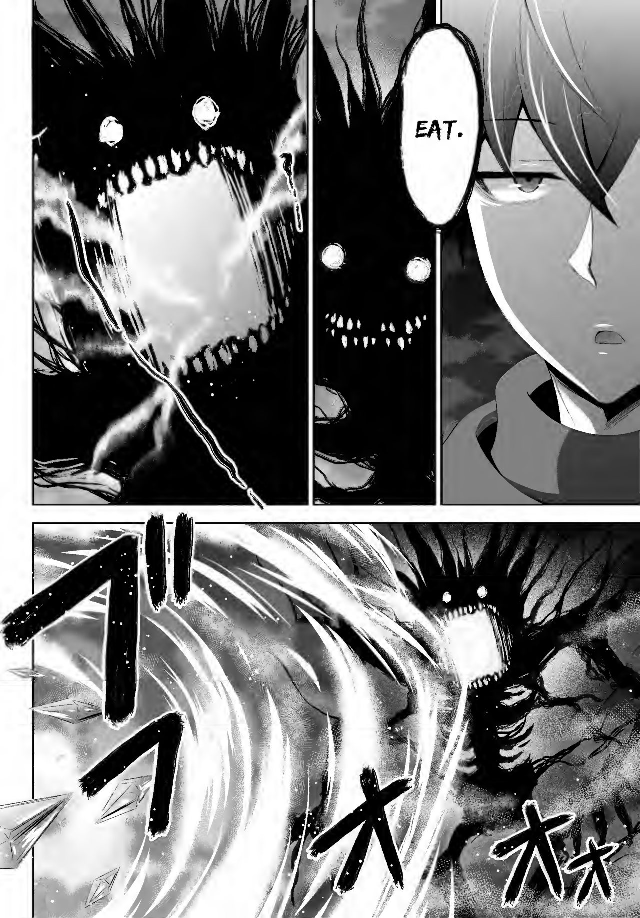
Your eternal imprisonment Break through it and rise Tear through the heavens and come By your power To devour every last thing


...!
Grant me a portion of your strength... O God of the Cold White Silence, Death Walking,
That Which Conquered the Heavens. Fiend of many dreaded titles, Your true name is—
RAMPAGE! SPIRIT OF RAGING STORM—
ITHAQUA!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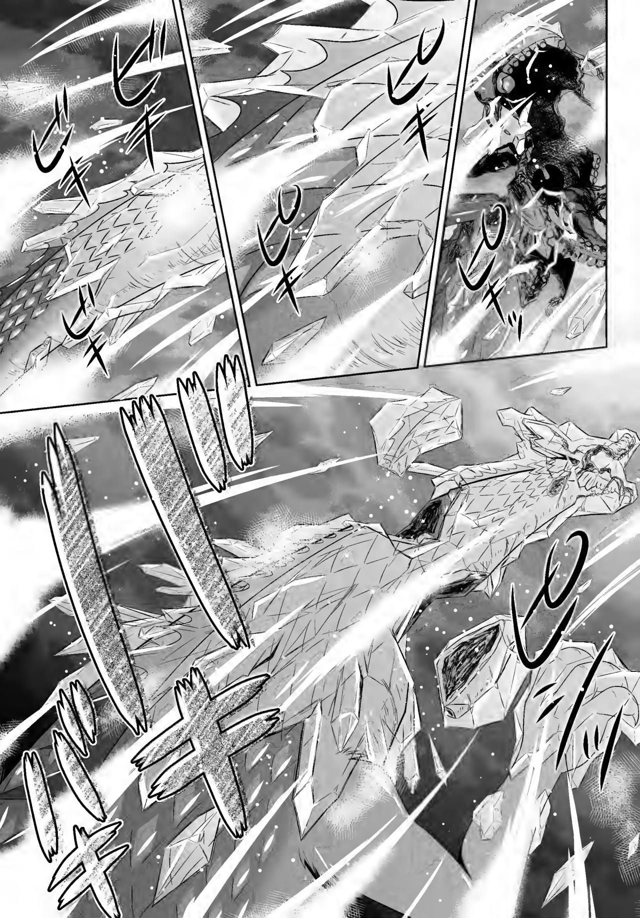
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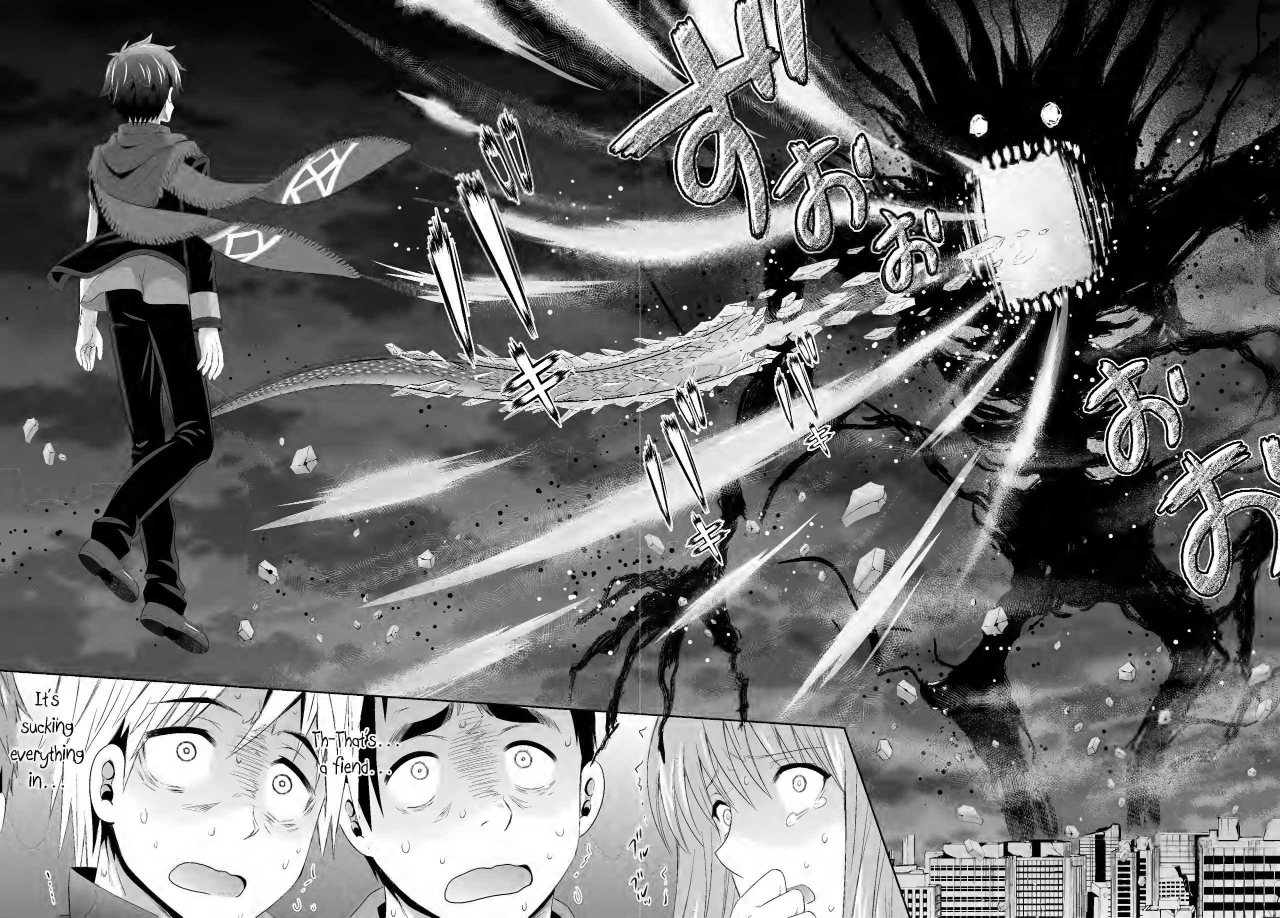
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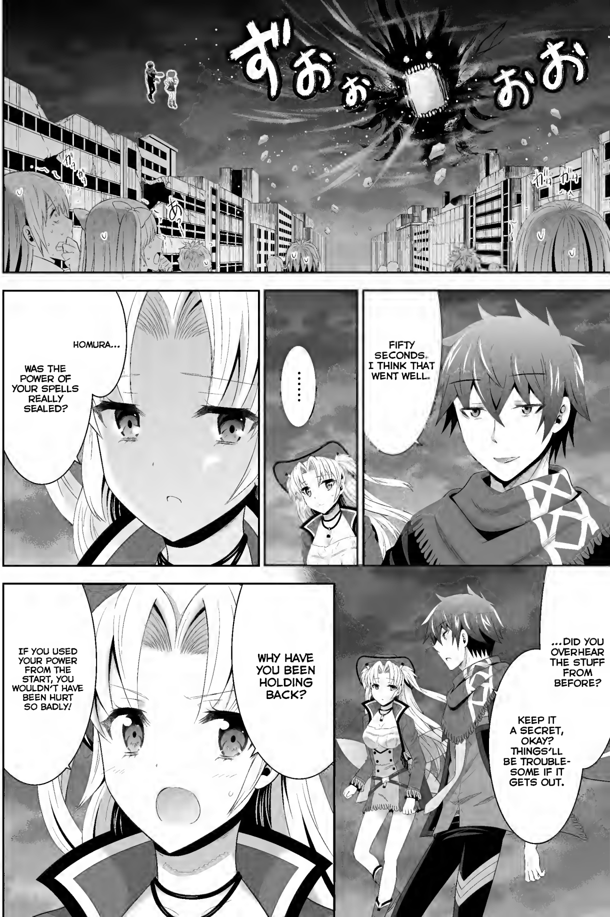
Th-That's... a fiend...
It's suckiing everything in...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FIFTY SECONDS. I THINK THAT WENT WELL.
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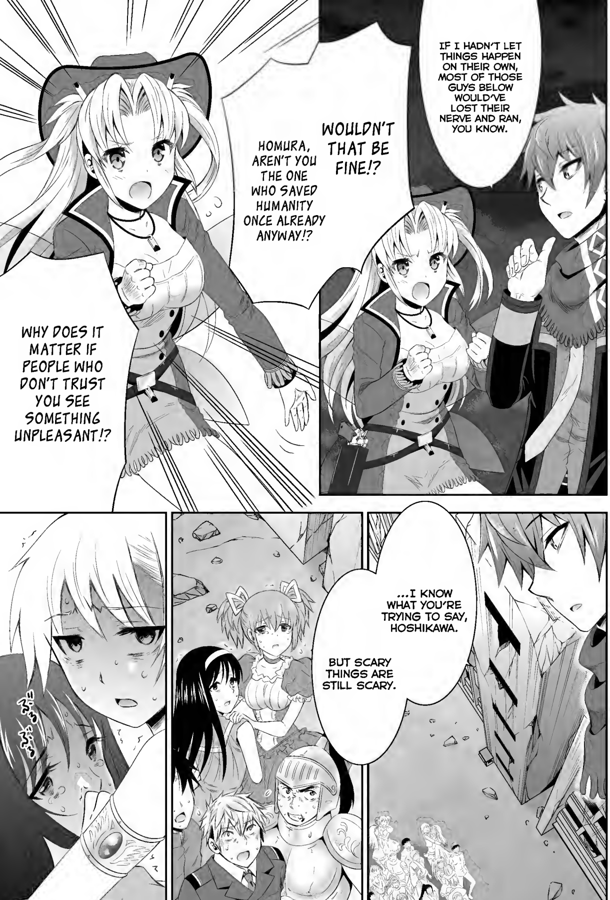
HOMURA…
WAS THE POWER OF YOUR SPELLS REALLY SEALED?
…DID YOU OVERHEAR THE STUFF FROM BEFORE?
KEEP IT A SECRET, OKAY? THINGS'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF IT GETS OUT.
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN HOLDING BACK?
IF YOU USED YOUR POWER FROM THE START, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HURT SO BADLY!


IF I HADN'T LET THINGS HAPPEN ON THEIR OWN, MOST OF THOSE GUYS BELOW WOULD'VE LOST THEIR NERVE AND RAN, YOU KNOW.
WOULDN'T THAT BE FINE!?
HOMURA, AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED HUMANITY ONCE ALREADY ANYWAY!?
WHY DOES IT MATTER IF PEOPLE WHO DON'T TRUST YOU SEE SOMETHING UNPLEASANT!?
...I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, HOSHIKAWA.
BUT SCARY THINGS ARE STILL SCARY.
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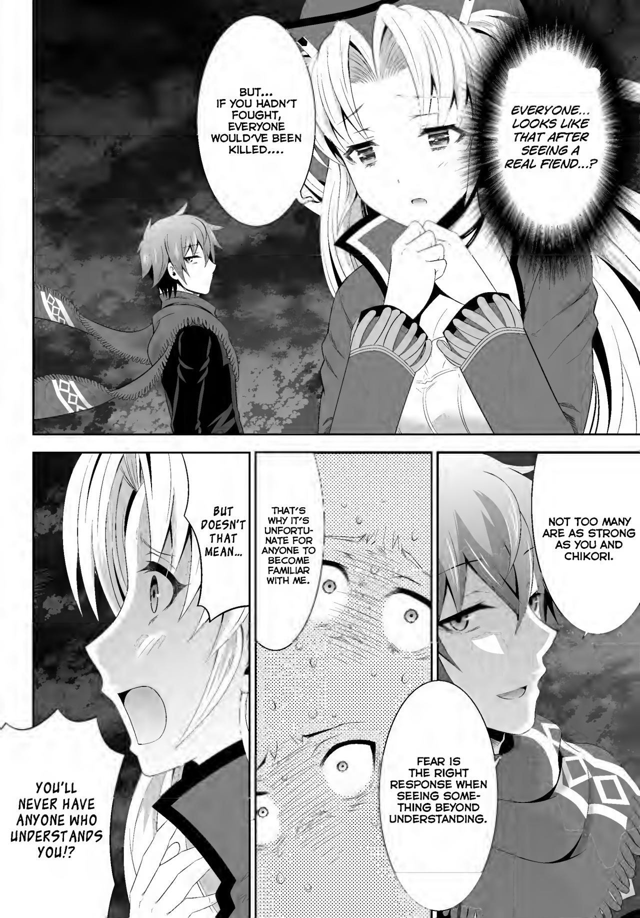
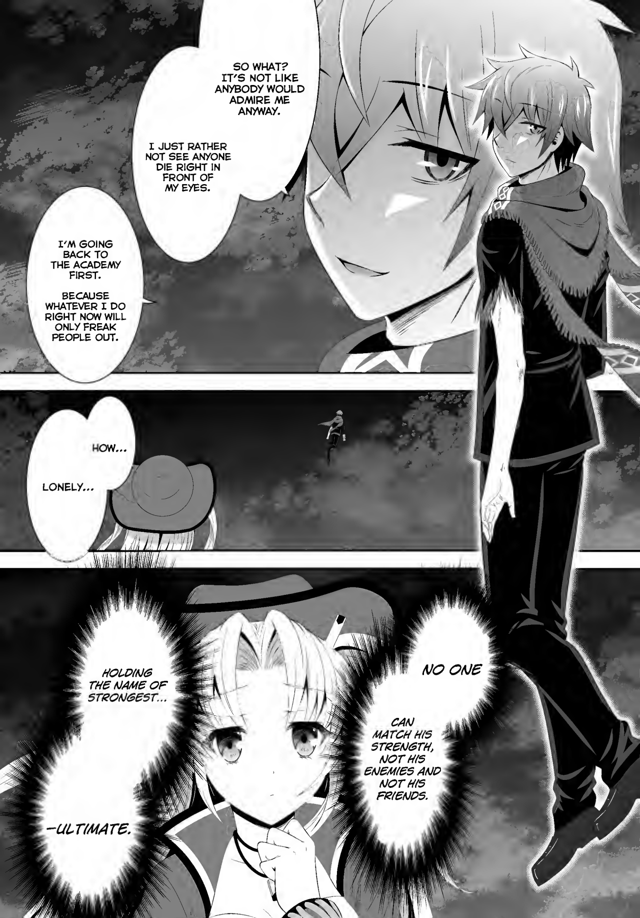
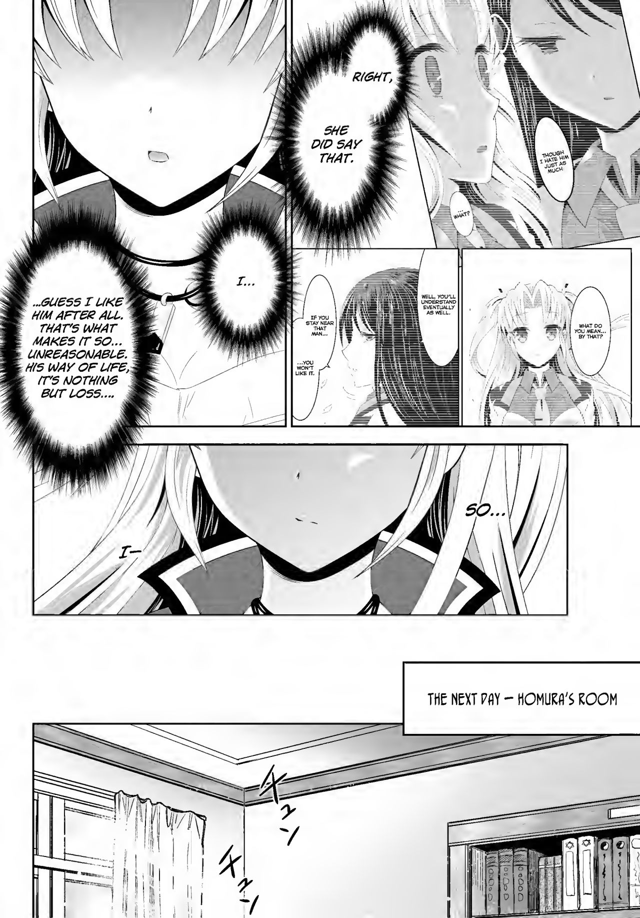
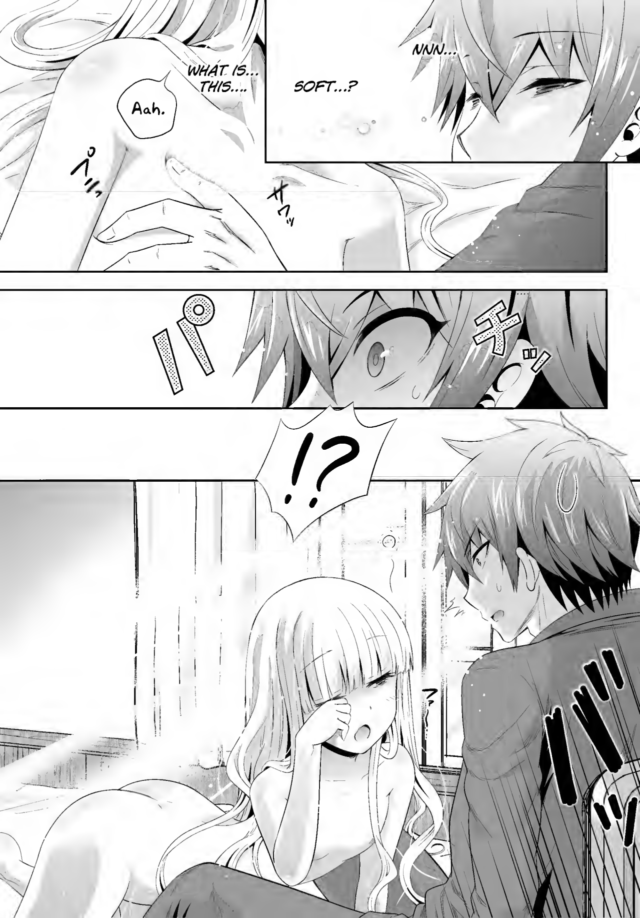

EVERYONE... LOOKS LIKE THAT AFTER SEEING A REAL FIEND...?
BUT... IF YOU HADN'T FOUGHT, EVERYONE WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED....
NOT TOO MANY ARE AS STRONG AS YOU AND CHIKORI.
FEAR IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE WHEN SEEING SOMETHING BEYOND UNDERSTANDING.
THAT'S WHY IT'S UNFORTUNATE FOR ANYONE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ME.
BUT DOESN'T THAT MEAN...
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ANYONE WHO UNDERSTANDS YOU!?


SO WHAT? IT'S NOT LIKE ANYBODY WOULD ADMIRE ME ANYWAY.
I JUST RATHER NOT SEE ANYONE DIE RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES.
I'M GOING BACK TO THE ACADEMY FIRST.
BECAUSE WHATEVER I DO RIGHT NOW WILL ONLY FREAK PEOPLE OUT.
HOW...
LONELY...
NO ONE
CAN MATCH HIS STRENGTH, NOT HIS ENEMIES AND NOT HIS FRIENDS.
HOLDING THE NAME OF STRONGEST...
—ULTIMATE.


THOUGH I HATE HIM JUST AS MUCH
...WHAT?
RIGHT,
SHE DID SAY THAT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... BY THAT?
WELL, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND EVENTUALLY AS WELL.
IF YOU STAY NEAR THAT MAN...
...YOU WON'T LIKE IT.
I...
...GUESS I LIKE HIM AFTER ALL. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO... UNREASONABLE. HIS WAY OF LIFE, IT'S NOTHING BUT LOSS....
SO...
I—
THE NEXT DAY — HOMURA'S ROOM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SOFT...?
WHAT IS... THIS....
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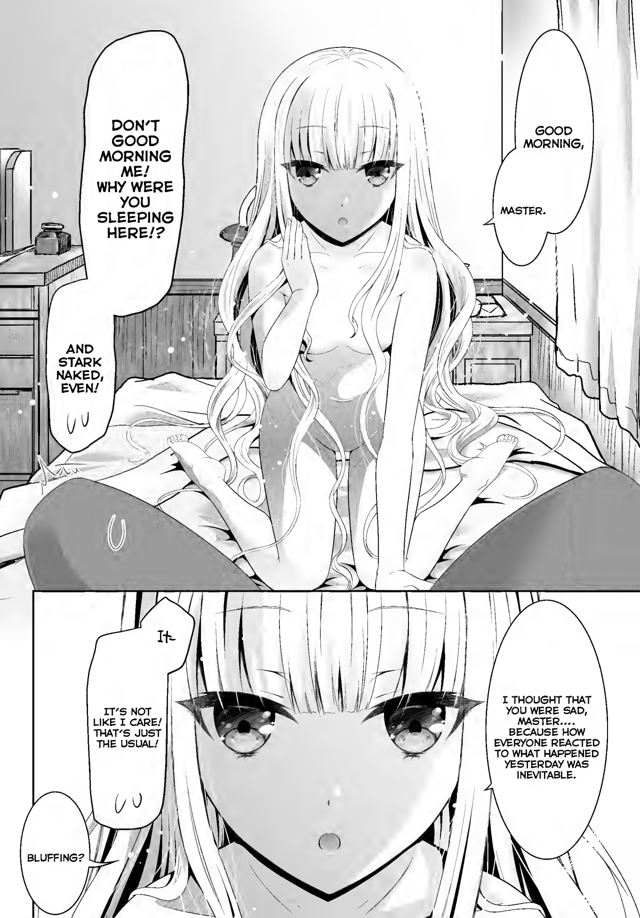
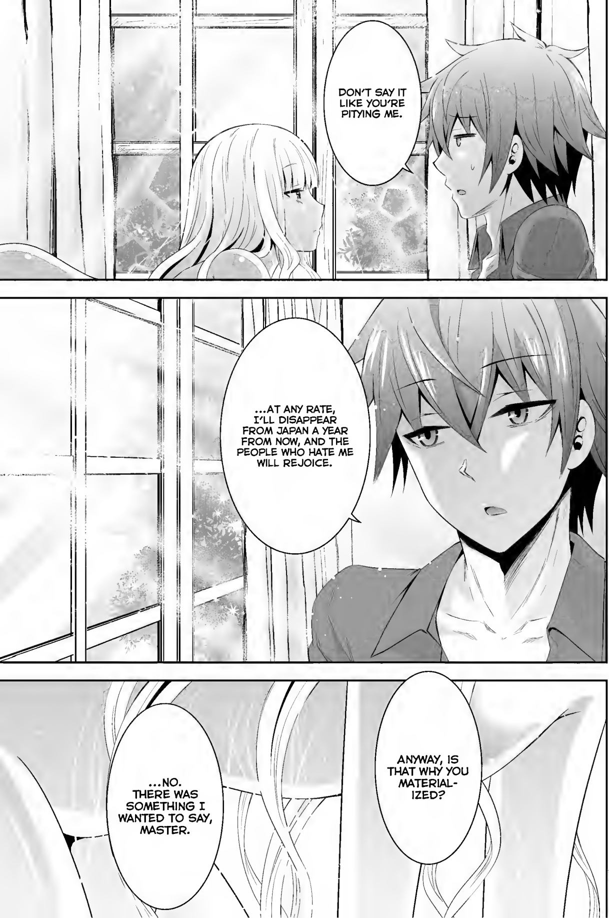
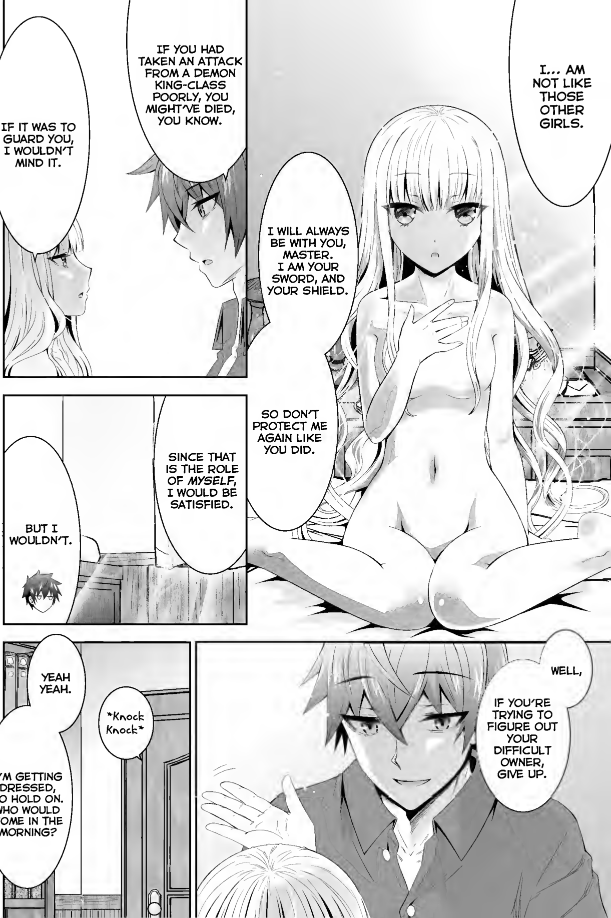
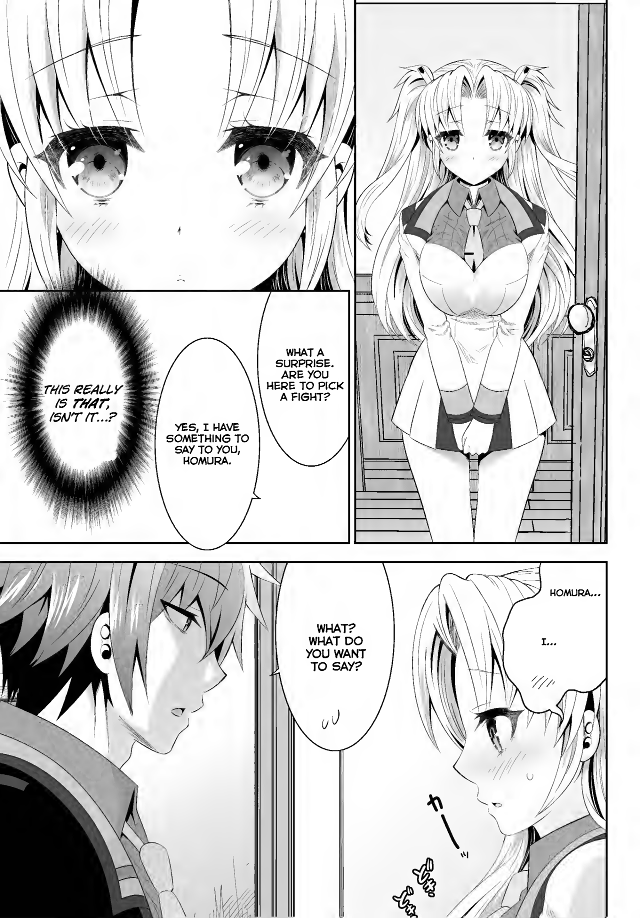

GOOD MORNING,
MASTER.
DON'T GOOD MORNING ME! WHY WERE YOU SLEEPING HERE!?
AND STARK NAKED, EVEN!
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE SAD, MASTER.... BECAUSE HOW EVERYONE REACTED TO WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WAS INEVITABLE.
It-
IT'S NOT LIKE I CARE! THAT'S JUST THE USUAL!
BLUFFING?


DON'T SAY IT LIKE YOU'RE PITYING ME.
...AT ANY RATE, I'LL DISAPPEAR FROM JAPAN A YEAR FROM NOW, AND THE PEOPLE WHO HATE ME WILL REJOICE.
ANYWAY, IS THAT WHY YOU MATERIALIZED?
...NO. THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO SAY, MASTER.


I… AM NOT LIKE THOSE OTHER GIRLS.
I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, MASTER. I AM YOUR SWORD, AND YOUR SHIELD.
SO DON'T PROTECT ME AGAIN LIKE YOU DID.
IF YOU HAD TAKEN AN ATTACK FROM A DEMON KING-CLASS POORLY, YOU MIGHT'VE DIED, YOU KNOW.
IF IT WAS TO GUARD YOU, I WOULDN'T MIND IT.
SINCE THAT IS THE ROLE OF *MYSELF*, I WOULD BE SATISFIED.
BUT I WOULDN'T.
WELL,
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT YOUR DIFFICULT OWNER, GIVE UP.
Knock Knock
YEAH YEAH.
I'M GETTING DRESSED, SO HOLD ON. WHO WOULD COME IN THE MORNING?


WHAT A SURPRISE. ARE YOU HERE TO PICK A FIGHT?
YES, I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU, HOMURA.
THIS REALLY IS *THAT*, ISN'T IT...?
HOMURA... I...
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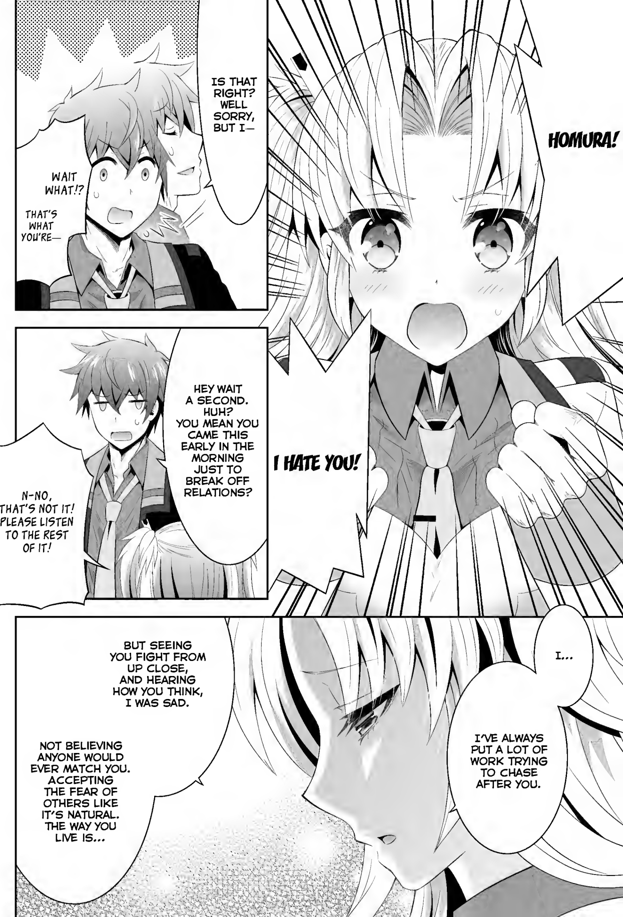
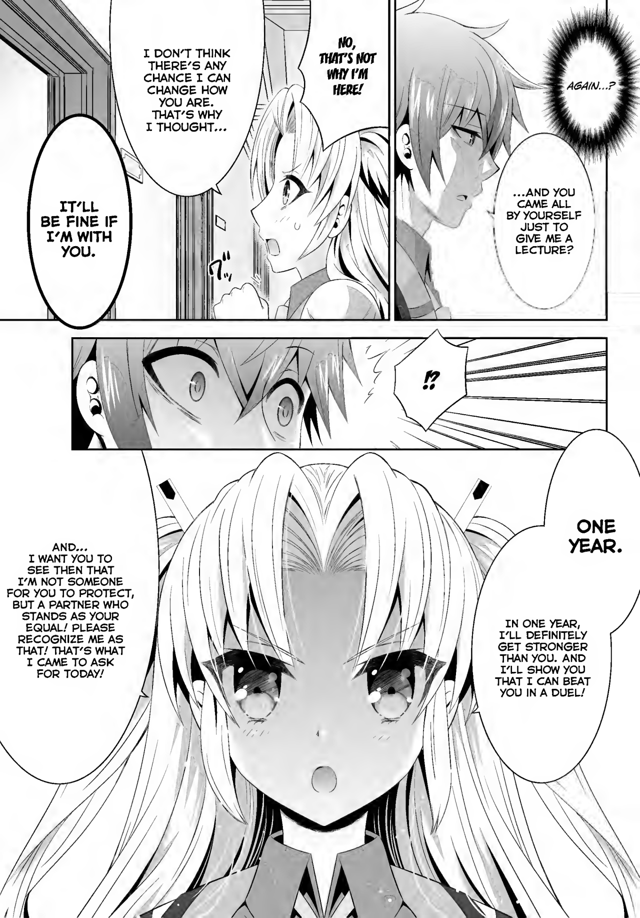
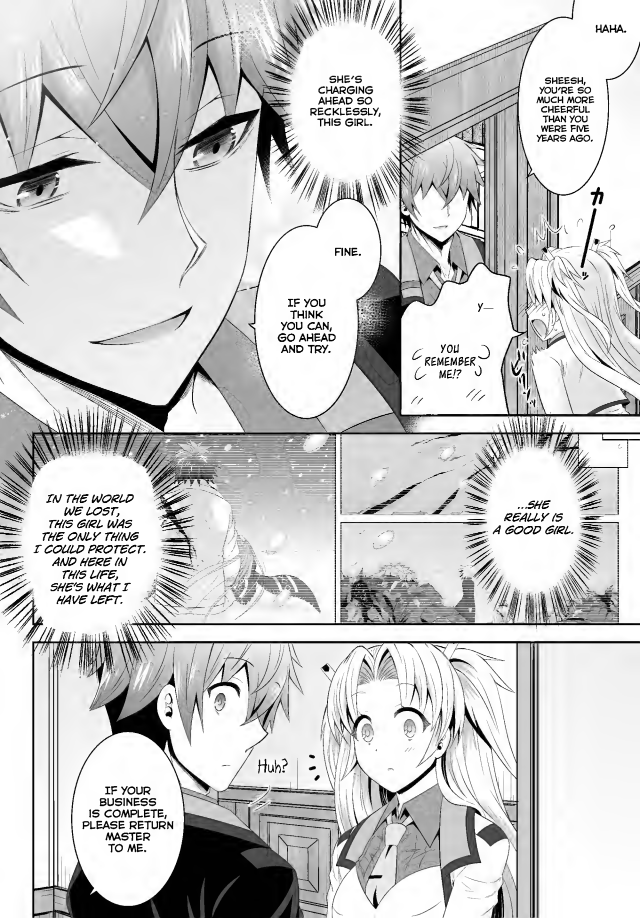
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?


HOMURA!
I HATE YOU!
IS THAT RIGHT? WELL SORRY, BUT I—
WAIT WHAT!? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE—
HEY WAIT A SECOND. HUH? YOU MEAN YOU CAME THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING JUST TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS?
N-NO, THAT'S NOT IT! PLEASE LISTEN TO THE REST OF IT!
I...
I'VE ALWAYS PUT A LOT OF WORK TRYING TO CHASE AFTER YOU.
BUT SEEING YOU FIGHT FROM UP CLOSE, AND HEARING HOW YOU THINK, I WAS SAD.
NOT BELIEVING ANYONE WOULD EVER MATCH YOU. ACCEPTING THE FEAR OF OTHERS LIKE IT'S NATURAL. THE WAY YOU LIVE IS...


AGAIN...?
...AND YOU CAME ALL BY YOURSELF JUST TO GIVE ME A LECTURE?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE!
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY CHANCE I CAN CHANGE HOW YOU ARE. THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT...
IT'LL BE FINE IF I'M WITH YOU.
!?
ONE YEAR.
IN ONE YEAR, I'LL DEFINITELY GET STRONGER THAN YOU. AND I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN BEAT YOU IN A DUEL!
AND... I WANT YOU TO SEE THEN THAT I'M NOT SOMEONE FOR YOU TO PROTECT, BUT A PARTNER WHO STANDS AS YOUR EQUAL! PLEASE RECOGNIZE ME AS THAT! THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO ASK FOR TODAY!


HAHA.
SHEESH, YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE CHEERFUL THAN YOU WERE FIVE YEARS AGO.
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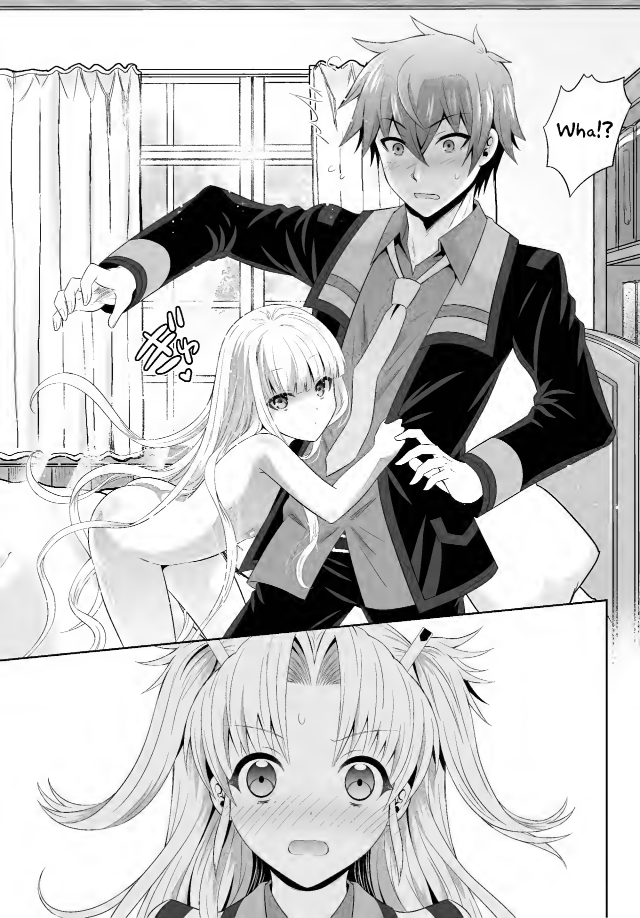
Y—
YOU REMEMBER ME!?
SHE'S CHARGING AHEAD SO RECKLESSLY, THIS GIRL.
FINE.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, GO AHEAD AND TRY.
...SHE REALLY IS A GOOD GIRL.
IN THE WORLD WE LOST, THIS GIRL WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD PROTECT. AND HERE IN THIS LIFE, SHE'S WHAT I HAVE LEFT.
Huh?
IF YOUR BUSINESS IS COMPLETE, PLEASE RETURN MASTER TO ME.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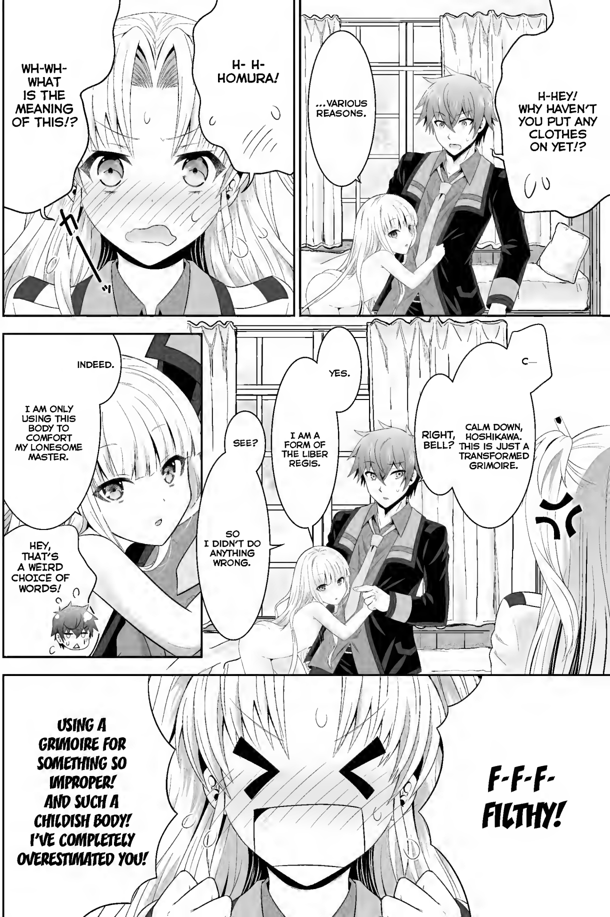
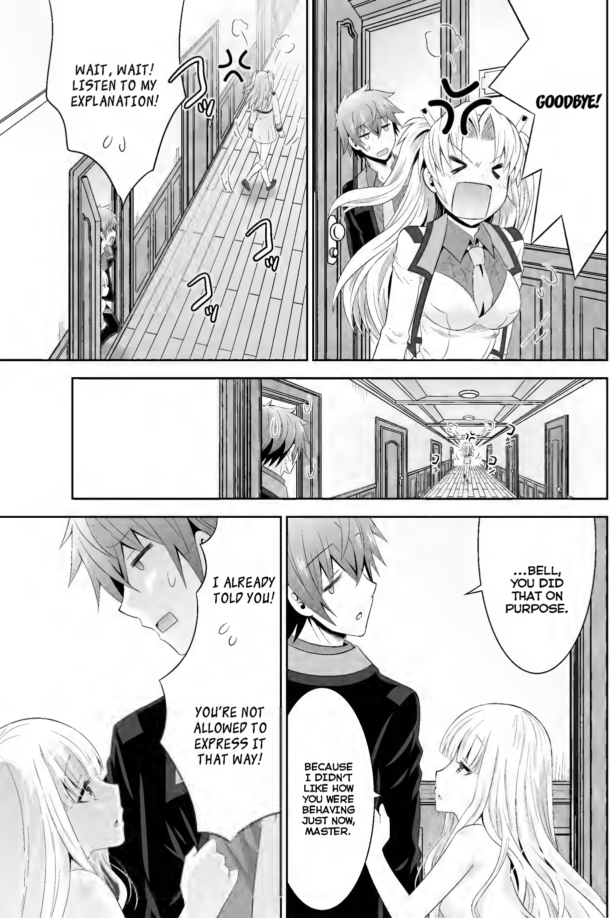
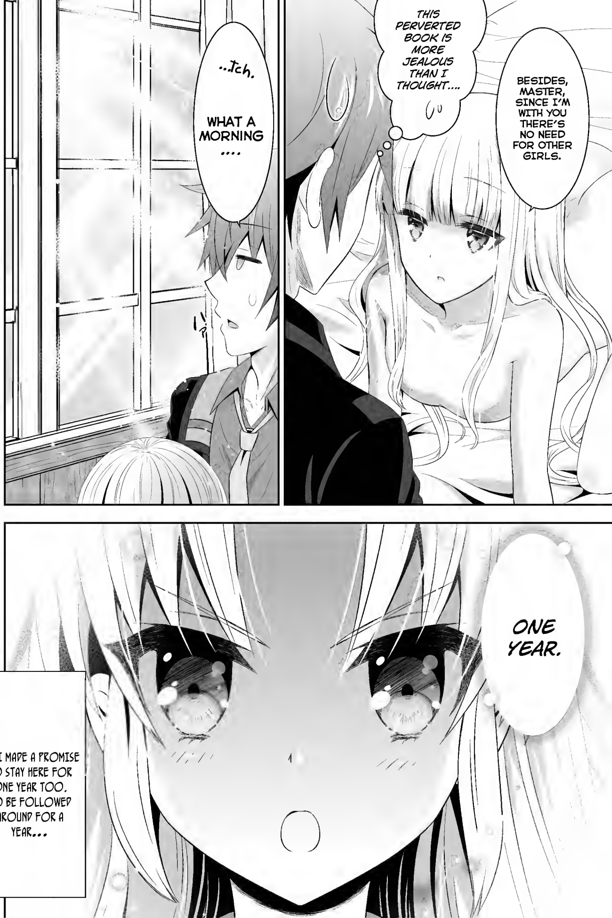
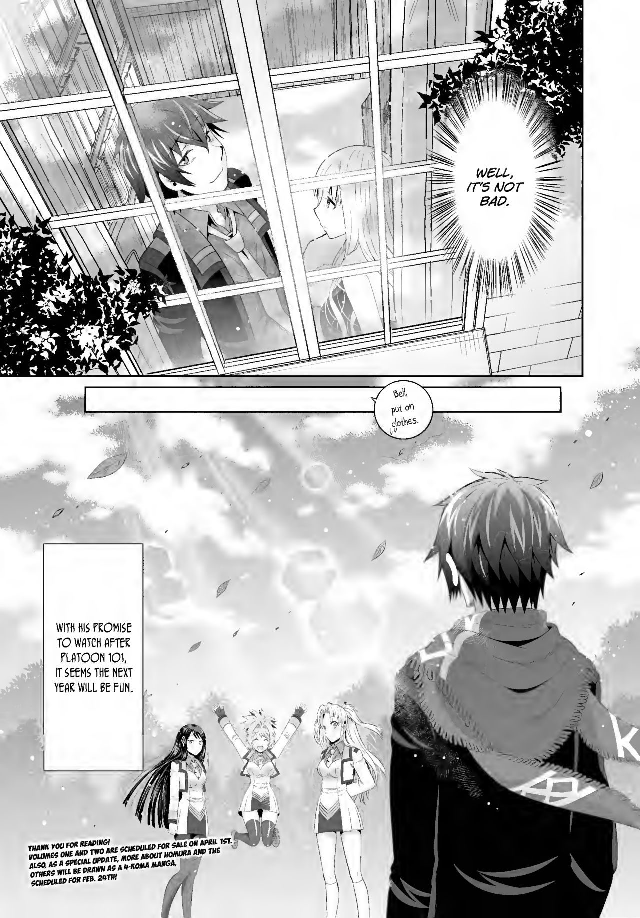

H-HEY! WHY HAVEN'T YOU PUT ANY CLOTHES ON YET!?
...VARIOUS REASONS.
H- H- HOMURA!
WH-WH-WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
C—
CALM DOWN, HOSHIKAWA. THIS IS JUST A TRANSFORMED GRIMOIRE.
RIGHT, BELL?
YES.
I AM A FORM OF THE LIBER REGIS.
SEE?
SO I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
INDEED.
I AM ONLY USING THIS BODY TO COMFORT MY LONESOME MASTER.
HEY, THAT'S A WEIRD CHOICE OF WORDS!
F-F-F-FILTHY!
USING A GRIMOIRE FOR SOMETHING SO IMPROPER! AND SUCH A CHILDISH BODY! I'VE COMPLETELY OVERESTIMATED YOU!


GOODBYE!
WAIT, WAIT! LISTEN TO MY EXPLANATION!
...BELL, YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE HOW YOU WERE BEHAVING JUST NOW, MASTER.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU!
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO EXPRESS IT THAT WAY!


BESIDES, MASTER, SINCE I'M WITH YOU THERE'S NO NEED FOR OTHER GIRLS.
THIS PERVERTED BOOK IS MORE JEALOUS THAN I THOUGHT....
..Tch.
WHAT A MORNING ....
ONE YEAR.
...I MADE A PROMISE TO STAY HERE FOR ONE YEAR TOO. TO BE FOLLOWED AROUND FOR A YEAR...


WELL, IT'S NOT BAD.
Bell, put on clothes.
WITH HIS PROMISE TO WATCH AFTER PLATOON 101, IT SEEMS THE NEXT YEAR WILL BE FUN.

THANK YOU FOR READING!
VOLUMES ONE AND TWO ARE SCHEDULED FOR SALE ON APRIL 1ST.
ALSO, AS A SPECIAL UPDATE, MORE ABOUT HOMURA AND THE OTHERS WILL BE DRAWN AS A 4-KOMA MANGA, SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 24TH!

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